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Health Department Urges Public Participation in Community Health Assessment
Deadline for Public Input on Selection of Health Indicators is June 30

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department today reminded County residents that the deadline for providing public input for its community health assessment is June 30.

“We are seeking input from the public to help identify the most important factors affecting the health of County residents. Since launching the survey in the beginning of June, we have received nearly 700 responses covering a wide variety of health concerns,” said Health Director Dr. Karen Hacker.

The public can provide its input on the selection of health indicators to be used in the health assessment by visiting the Health Department’s web site, www.achd.net/survey.html. Participants are asked to select the ten most important health indicators and rank them from one to ten. There are 43 health indicators to choose from and a section for specifying health concerns not listed. Names of participants are optional, but ZIP codes are requested to ensure geographic balance.

Selected indicators will be used to measure the health of communities and a standardized approach will allow for comparing communities to one another and to the County, state and nation.

“The community health assessment is a critical component of good public health. It will help the Health Department and the residents of Allegheny County work together to develop and move toward a vision to make Allegheny County the healthiest in the nation,” said Dr. Hacker.

The findings of the health assessment will be shared with community members at public meetings later this year. Based on the health data and public input, a community health improvement plan will be developed that prioritizes issues, implements strategies and establishes accountability to ensure measurable health improvements.

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