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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN PASCO COUNTY URGES GREATER TAMPA BAY AREA RESIDENTS TO TAKE COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY



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Pasco County, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) in Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk counties are partnering with local area hospitals on a comprehensive survey to better understand and address the health needs of communities in the Greater Tampa Bay area.

“This is a great opportunity to leverage the collaborative power of so many organizations,” said DOH-Pasco Health Officer Mike Napier. “The survey results will reflect the residents’ opinions and provide meaningful direction to organizations trying to make a difference in health outcomes.”

The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) collects data from residents on nutrition, physical activity, access to care and mental health. The survey for Pasco County residents is available in English at bit.ly/pascohealth or in Spanish at bit.ly/pascohealthSpanish and is open through April 30, 2019. A link to the survey is also available on participating county health department websites.

Survey partners include: AdventHealth, BayCare, Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital, Lakeland Regional Health, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa General Hospital and other area health organizations in the four-county area. Although county health departments developed their own surveys in the past, this is an opportunity for counties in the region to work together on a more comprehensive regional survey.

Data collected from the CHNA survey will help local health departments and healthcare providers better understand the needs of the community. The survey will be used to develop a community health improvement plan, which will address the issues residents are most concerned about.

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