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## **Public Encouraged to Complete County Health Needs Survey**

To better understand the health concerns of Clinton County citizens, the public is invited to complete a comprehensive health needs assessment. By sharing your health concerns, healthcare providers and nonprofits will better understand how to address the public's needs. "This countywide survey is a regular touchpoint that provides the Clinton County Health District with direct feedback and data...information that guides our healthcare initiatives and priorities. That's why it's so vital that Clinton County residents of all ages and diverse perspectives complete this critical survey," explained Monica Wood, Director of Administration, Clinton County Health District.

This health needs assessment survey is available now and is open until August 15, 2025. No personal data is collected, and all responses are anonymous. To participate simply scan the QR Code or type this link in your brower to start a unique survey http://www.prcsurvey.com/begin/ClintonCounty2025CHNA

Since 1996, HealthFirst for Clinton County has collaborated with partners to complete a community health needs assessment of Clinton County. The purpose of this assessment is to identify major health problems, gaps in services and other factors which may contribute to less-than-optimal health status for residents of our community. Community health needs assessment surveys for Clinton County were completed in 1996, 2001, 2015 and 2020. Results of the most recent study can be read <a href="here">here</a>. "Diabetes, mental health, nutrition, physical activity and weight were all identified as areas of concern for our community in 2020. Since then, HealthFirst has aligned its grantmaking to our community's areas of need and issued grants totaling more than \$511,000 since 2021. The 2025 survey will help guide how future charitable dollars are invested in Clinton County," explained Jeff Drapalik, HealthFirst member.

Key healthcare professionals who have a broad interest in the health of the community – both individuals and organizations – will also be invited to participate in this online survey. A list of recommended participants has been provided by the study sponsors and includes physicians, public health representatives, other health professionals, social service providers, and a variety of





other community leaders. Potential participants were chosen because of their ability to identify primary concerns of the populations with whom they work, as well as of the community overall.

The 2025 sponsors of this important research share a common goal of investing in Clinton County for lasting and positive impact. Professional Research Consultants (PRC), a national consultant, will conduct a countywide survey. Since they conducted the previous assessment, they have knowledge about our community that will assist in their research. Partnering with organizations in our community is central to amplifying the impact of this data and demonstrates the commitment these partners have to the health of Clinton County residents. Sponsors of the 2025 survey include:

- Clinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Clinton County Commissioners
- Clinton County Foundation
- Clinton County Health District
- Clinton Memorial Hospital
- HealthFirst for Clinton County
- Kettering Health
- Mental Health Recovery Board (serving Warren and Clinton Counties)

A final report providing valuable guidance for future programming and investment in the community will be issued in the fall of 2025 and be presented to the community, nonprofits, and our funding partners.

## **About Clinton County Foundation**

The Clinton County Foundation is a nationally accredited charitable organization that has supported local giving with trusted stewardship and advice since 1985. With nearly \$30 million under management, we partner with donors and non-profits, providing our unique understanding of local needs to promote a resilient community where people want to live, work and grow, through permanent and targeted charitable investments.

## **About HealthFirst for Clinton County**

HealthFirst, a fund of the Clinton County Foundation, supports organizations and initiatives that promote the good health of residents in Clinton County, Ohio through education, innovation, and patient care support. Education initiatives supported by HealthFirst address individual and community wellness and health awareness through direct outreach and creative communication about nutrition, emergent health issues, disease prevention or management, and other similar topics.