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NEWS RELEASE

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Bell County Public Health District Announces Their First-Ever Community Health Assessment: Your Voice Your Community

Temple, Texas – The Bell County Public Health District is excited to announce its first countywide Community Health Assessment, set to occur this fall. The community health assessment is designed to provide valuable insights into our community's unique health challenges and priorities.

Amy J. Yeager, District Director of Bell County Public Health, emphasized, "This is a chance for us to hear directly from the residents of Bell County as to what they see are the health needs and strengths of our county. While other groups have done needs assessments in the past, this is the first time it's been done by health district with the broad goal of hearing from all our constituents countywide, whether they live or work in Bell County, or both, to set the roadmap for the future of public health in our area."

What is a Community Health Assessment?

A Community Health Assessment (CHA) is a comprehensive study that aims to identify our community's health needs, strengths, and areas for improvement. By conducting this assessment, the Bell County Public Health District can better understand our residents' specific health issues and develop strategies to address them effectively. The CHA will serve as a vital tool to guide our efforts in enhancing the well-being of all Bell County residents.



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Amy J. Yeager added, "The survey we are releasing today is the first step in this process. We will be following up over the next several months with focus groups and analysis of data from multiple sources in the county. We want to make sure the work of the health district meets the wants and needs of our residents to ensure we make Bell County the healthiest place that it can be to work and raise a family."

We Want Your Input

Your voice matters. We invite anyone who lives or works in Bell County and is 15 years of age and older to participate in this important initiative. By sharing your thoughts and experiences, you can play a vital role in shaping our community's future of health programs and services.

How to Participate:

1. **Online:** Visit www.bellcountyhealth.org to access the assessment survey and submit your input.
2. **QR Code:** Simply scan the attached QR code with your smartphone to access the survey directly. (Should I insert the QR Code here?? Or remove completely?)

The Community Health Assessment will be available from September 11, 2023, through November 5, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. We encourage every resident to participate and join us in paving the way for a healthier Bell County!

For more information or media inquiries, please contact: Amy Yeager, district director, or Barry Sharp, community health director at 254-532-9800.

Additional information about Bell County Public Health District can be found on the district's website www.bellcountyhealth.org

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