



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **The Orange County Health Department needs your help, conducting community health opinion surveys**

The Orange County Health Department is required to conduct a Community Health Assessment every four years. The goal is to find where there are gaps in health, the health services available to people living in Orange County and identify emerging issues or trends that may be affecting the health of residents.

A community survey is a key component of the assessment process. Staff and volunteers from the Health Department will visit a random sample of households across the county to administer a 30-minute, confidential survey.

The Health Department will compile the results of the survey and include them in the final report of the community health assessment, which will be completed in early 2016. Survey responses will help to determine the direction of future programs for the health department and other agencies across the county.

Teams of surveyors will be in Hillsborough and the northern portion of the County June 18th, 19th and 20th (Thursday-Saturday). The following weekend, teams will be in Chapel Hill and surrounding areas of the southern part of the County June 26th, 27th, and 28th (Friday - Sunday). All volunteers will be wearing Orange County Health Department or Healthy Carolinians of Orange County T-shirts and identification badges; many will be driving county cars.

If a surveyor comes to your door, please take the time to share your opinions with them. Also, please secure pets for the safety of the surveyor teams. Participants will not be paid, but will receive a small gift of appreciation and informational materials about Orange County services.

Volunteers are needed to help conduct the surveys. If you are able to volunteer on any of the survey days listed above and would like to be involved in this important community process, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5SBGQBV>. Bilingual English-Spanish speakers are needed and volunteers need no prior experience; training will be offered on each survey day prior to going out into the community. Refreshments, lunch, and snacks will be provided to all volunteers.

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