



## 2015 Community Health Assessment Steering Committee

### Quad Cities health community teams up to identify, meet local needs

*Survey, focus groups taking place to identify key need areas*

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The Quad City health community – Community Health Care, Inc., Genesis Health System, Quad City Health Initiative, Rock Island County Health Department, Scott County Health Department and UnityPoint Health – Trinity – have partnered to complete a community health needs assessment of Rock Island and Scott Counties to identify and address health needs. To gain community input about health needs that impact individuals and their families, the partners have developed a community-wide survey that they are asking Rock Island and Scott County residents to complete by Thursday, April 30.

The survey asks about a range of health issues, including promoting healthy living, preventing injuries, and community preparedness, among other issues, and asks members of the community to choose what they believe to be the issues facing Rock Island and Scott County families.

The survey will take around 10 minutes to complete and is available on each of the partners' websites. The survey can also be made available in print by contacting the following individuals:

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In addition to the community survey, the Rock Island and Scott County health departments will host a series of stakeholder events to get direct feedback from community partners and the public involved in serving the residents of Rock Island and Scott Counties. Interested community members have the opportunity to sign-up for these events at the end of the survey. "We are hoping to get as much input as possible from the community to determine what they feel their needs are," said Nita Ludwig, Public Health Administrator, Rock Island County Health Department. "It's an opportunity for residents to voice their opinion to help impact their community."

The feedback from the community survey and stakeholder events will help the health community partners identify and prioritize the health needs of the Quad City community. This information will then help to create health improvement plans that will address those needs in the community in the upcoming years.

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Rock Island County Health Department | [www.richd.org](http://www.richd.org)  
Scott County Health Department | [www.scottcountyiowa.com/health](http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health)  
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