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***Latest Wayne County Community Health Assessment Released
Town Halls Scheduled for Comment***

Wooster, Ohio- 12/2/20- Several healthcare and social service providers and agencies in Wayne County have been working together for the past year to conduct a community health assessment. This will help the committee prioritize goals and formulate strategies to address various health concerns for Wayne County residents in the next year. The report focuses on health issues identified by Wayne County residents. The entire report will be posted on the Wayne County Health Department website.

The research included in the assessment was based upon what Wayne County residents stated were the most important factors to a “healthy community” and the most important community health issues. The most commonly answered important factors were safe neighborhoods, a good economy, healthcare access and good schools. Mental health, cancer and child abuse were the most common community health issues identified in the preliminary survey. Secondary data was assimilated and key informant surveys were conducted to do a deeper dive on the issues identified by the community.

“This has been a strange year to say the least. Much of this assessment was complete prior to the pandemic. So in addition to health concerns highlighted in the document, we also want to hear how the community feels we can better incorporate health impacts of the pandemic into the assessment.” according to Nicholas Cascarelli, Wayne County Health Commissioner.

There is an invitation to comment with its posting on the Wayne County Health Department website www.wayne-health.org. There will also be two town halls scheduled Tuesday December 15th from 9:00AM to 11:00AM and Thursday December 17th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM via Zoom. If you would like to request access to attend one of the sessions, please email info@wayne-health.org or call (330) 264-9590 ext. 207 to reserve your spot.

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