

Health Update: August 4, 2023

This week's health update provides information about the community health equity survey conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Health.

Community Health Equity Survey We are excited to share that the Community Health Equity Survey formerly COVID-19 Community Impact Survey (CCIS) is now live! [Click here](#) to access the survey.

The Community Health Equity Initiative (CHEI) collects data on the social and structural causes of health needs facing Massachusetts residents, specifically among communities who are disproportionately affected by health emergencies. The Community Health Equity Survey is an opportunity for residents to share their experiences and priorities to help shape the future of our health. Through this data collection CHEI strives to help communities, along with state and local partners, prioritize changes to policy and how and where resources go.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is committed to better serving communities that experience barriers to health. The Community Health Equity Survey was developed in collaboration with community members and partners across the state and reflects the priorities and experiences of Massachusetts residents. The information residents share will help DPH, and community partners determine how best to allocate funding, improve programming, and develop policies to address health inequities.

Who should take this survey? This survey is intended for anyone over the age of 14 who lives in Massachusetts. DPH specifically seeks to hear from communities who have been impacted by health inequities.

How to take the survey? You can take the survey [online](#) with a computer, phone, or tablet. It will take around 15-30 minutes to complete. You can choose to complete the survey in Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese (simplified or traditional), English, Haitian Creole, Khmer, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can also take the survey in American Sign Language later this summer. All survey responses are anonymous and cannot be traced back to you. The survey will be open from July 31, 2023, through early Fall 2023.


Take the survey: mass.gov/healthsurvey

For more information about the Community Health Equity Initiative and the survey, please visit our website:

www.mass.gov/CHEI

Please consider taking this survey, as well as helping spread the word to other residents! The more residents complete the survey, the more data we will have for our community to better understand the current needs of our region. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health



What makes a community healthy & strong?

Your voice.

When you take the MA Community Health Equity Survey, you're sharing valuable experience that can help build a healthier community. The survey is available in 11 languages, easy to take, and anonymous.

Take the survey now at
Mass.gov/Healthsurvey



This survey is part of the Community Health Equity Initiative of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.



Scan to take survey