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**Moore County Health Department & Partners Conduct
Community Health Assessment**

The Moore County Health Department and MooreHealth, Inc. are teaming up to conduct the 2016 Moore County Community Health Assessment. A key component of the assessment is a community health opinion survey. On October 27th, 28th, and 29th Public Health staff, along with student volunteers from the Sandhills Community College Allied Health Program, will conduct door-to-door surveys throughout the County to get citizens' thoughts on the most pressing health needs in our community.

Using tax mapping and GIS information systems, households will be selected at random to participate in this survey. Questions asked on this survey will include identifying the major health problems in the County and exploring residents' access to healthcare. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and will not be linked to any individual.

If you are approached by County Health Department staff members with proper photo identification, please take the opportunity to participate in the 10 minute survey to share your thoughts on current health issues and how the community is addressing them. The surveys will be conducted on Thursday and Friday, October 27th and 28th from 9:00am until 4:00pm, and Saturday, October 29th from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

The Community Health Assessment process takes place every three years and is required of all health departments in North Carolina. In addition to the health opinion survey, other components include collecting state and nationally maintained data such as leading causes of death and incidence of chronic diseases. Additionally, the Community Health Assessment Steering Committee is collecting data about community services, utilization of those services, and locally driven public health initiatives. Key community leaders of Moore County will also be asked to provide their input regarding the health of Moore County.

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The Moore County Health Department will present a comprehensive assessment report to the community in March 2017. At that time, utilizing input from community residents and local leaders, community health priorities to address major community health issues will be selected to focus on for the next three years. For more information about the Community Health Assessment, please contact the Health Department at 910-947-3300. For continuous Health Department news and updates, visit our website at www.moorecountync.gov/health or like us on Facebook (MOCO Health) and follow us on Twitter (@mocohealth).

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