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## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HOLD PUBLIC FEEDBACK SESSIONS ON DRAFT COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT**

**FREDERICK, MD --** The Frederick County Health Department is seeking community feedback regarding the recently released draft 2016 Community Health Assessment (CHA). This assessment has been developed by Frederick Memorial Hospital and Frederick County Health Department and provides data on the health of Frederick County residents and resources available to address health issues. Community members may provide feedback in-person or online.

In-person feedback sessions will be held:

- Monday, May 2 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at the Auditorium inside entrance C in the Frederick County Health Department located at 350 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD and
- Monday, May 9 from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm at the Thurmont Community Room in the Thurmont Library located at 76 East Moser Road, Thurmont, MD.

The purpose of these feedback sessions is to introduce the Community Health Assessment, explain its navigation features, and solicit feedback. The CHA is a compilation of state, county and hospital level health-related data, which can then be used to determine the health status, behaviors and needs of community residents. It is intended to be used as a reference for interested community individuals and organizations to determine health priorities and the current status of health in Frederick County. The CHA contains information about leading causes of death, cancer, chronic disease risk factors, maternal, infant, and child health, mental health, oral health, substance abuse, and barriers to healthy living. After the CHA is finalized, a summit will be held on in the fall to determine priorities for local health improvement that will drive coordinated community actions for the next 2 years.



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The 2016 Community Health Assessment is also available for review online at: <http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1470> . Comments can be submitted through this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FC2016CHA> until May 20, 2016.

Those with questions regarding the CHA feedback sessions may email Rissah Watkins at [rwatkins@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:rwatkins@FrederickCountyMD.gov) or call 301-600-6005. Additional information concerning the community health assessment is available here <https://md-frederickcountyhealth.civicplus.com/455/Community-Health-Assessment> and information on the Local Health Improvement Process is available at <http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/315/Local-Health-Improvement-Process>.

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