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## **Draft Community Health Needs Assessment Available for Public Comment**

**FREDERICK, MD --** The Frederick County Health Department, Frederick Health, and the Coalition for a Healthier Frederick County have developed a new Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Community members are invited to review the draft CHNA report and provide feedback.

A draft of the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment is available for review online at: [health.frederickcountymd.gov/CHNA2025](https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/CHNA2025). Comments can be submitted using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FC2025CHNA> through April 4, 2025. A final version of the CHNA will be made available through the same link in May 2025.

The CHNA provides an overview of the process used to assess the health of the community, identify recurring themes that emerged, and select the top priorities for the next three-year Local Health Improvement Process (LHIP) cycle. The report contains data about leading causes of death, chronic illnesses, maternal and child health, mental health, use of alcohol, cannabis, and tobacco, and factors such as education, income, and food access. The CHNA can be used as a reference for interested community individuals and organizations to provide data on the current status of health in Frederick County.

LHIP workgroups are currently developing plans to address the selected priorities. More information on the LHIP is available [here](https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/CHNA). Previous reports are available at [Health.FrederickCountymd.gov/CHNA](https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/CHNA).

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