

Fairfield County 2019 Community Health Assessment Accepting Public Comments

Fairfield County community partners are seeking public comments and feedback for the 2019 Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA provides leaders and agencies with information on the health of residents in Fairfield County and the multiple factors that affect their health. The CHA also provides a preliminary list of resources and community assets to address priority health issues. This information is used as a foundation for setting priorities, strategies, policy change, and funding opportunities to make healthier outcomes for residents of Fairfield County.

Your feedback and comments regarding the assessment are vital to the development of a comprehensive assessment and the improvement planning that takes place after. A summary of the 2019 Community Health Assessment is provided.

To submit comments, please email tiffany.nash@fairfieldcountyohio.gov or mail to Fairfield Department of Health, 1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100, Lancaster OH 43130. Comments will be accepted until November 1, 2019.

1. Do you feel the information provided is an accurate reflection of Fairfield County?

2. What health issues are missing that should be included? Why?

3. What issues are included that should not be? Why?

4. Are the priorities selected accurate for Fairfield County? Why or why not?

5. Do you have any additional comments?

Thank you for your time and feedback.

Fairfield County 2019 Community Health Assessment Highlights

Top 3 Priority Health Needs

1. Obesity
2. Substance Use and Addiction
3. Mental Health (specifically depression)

Source: Prioritization Meeting

Other Significant Health Issues

- Cancer and cancer care
- Cardiopulmonary disease
- Income & poverty
- Access to Care
- Alzheimer's disease and dementia
- Access to transportation

Source: Prioritization Meeting

Maternal and Child Health Issues

- Infant mortality
- Low birth weight
- Preterm births
- Tobacco use during pregnancy

Source: Ohio Department of Health

Top Cancers by Incidence Rate

- Breast (female)
- Prostate
- Lung and bronchus
- Colon and rectum

Source: Ohio Department of Health

Access to Care Barriers and Gaps

- Cannot get appointment soon enough
- Could not afford co-pay
- No insurance
- Cannot schedule appointment
- No transportation

Source: Public Survey

Top Health Behaviors

- Alcohol Use/binge drinking
- Cigarette smoking
- Electronic vaping and E-Cig products
- Illicit prescription use
- Opiates including heroin
- Methamphetamine use
- Overweight or obesity
- Fruit/Vegetable consumption
- Exercise

Source: Public Survey

Chronic Health Conditions

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Arthritis
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Asthma

Source: Public Survey

Community Perceived Health Problems

- Drug abuse/addiction in general
- Cost of health insurance or health care
- Obesity, poor diet, and/or lack of exercise
- Depression/mental health
- Access to doctors or quality health care
- Cancer
- Heart disease/high blood pressure/high cholesterol
- Aging/senior care
- Diabetes
- Pollution/water or air quality
- Immunization
- Low income/poverty/homelessness
- Alcohol abuse or addiction
- Smoking/vaping

Source: Public Survey

Leading Causes of Death

1. Coronary artery disease
2. Alzheimer's disease
3. Bronchus or lung cancer
4. Unspecified Dementia
5. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Infectious Diseases

1. Chlamydia
2. AIDS/HIV
3. Gonorrhea

Source: Ohio Department of Health