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Delaware County Holds Focus Groups and Online Survey on Public Health

Public input sought to assess public health care needs and services in the county

Delaware County is seeking input from the public, health care professionals and municipal leaders on the public health needs of residents throughout the county.

In June, Delaware County Council unanimously voted to hire Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health to evaluate the delivery of health and public health services in Delaware County and provide the County with recommendations on how to enhance and strengthen these services. The study is being done to gain a better understanding of the public health needs of residents and identify any gaps in the delivery of services.

As part of the study, five focus groups are being held to discuss Delaware County's public health programs, policies, and services. Three of the focus groups are for the general public, one will be targeted to health care professionals and one will be targeted to municipal leaders.

The public focus group will be one hour and participants will receive a gift card for their time. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Available dates for the public focus groups include:

Nov. 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Media, PA

Jan. 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Ridley Township, PA

Jan. 16, 2020 at 12 noon in Upper Darby, PA

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Residents can call 410-502-8952 or email delcohealthstudy@gmail.com to register. Registration is now open. Health professionals and municipal government leaders will be contacted to participate in the targeted focus groups. Health professionals and municipal government leaders can also email delcohealthstudy@gmail.com to learn more.

Residents are also invited to complete a 10-15-minute online survey on how the County is addressing residents' public health needs. All survey responses will be anonymous. The survey is open to all Delaware County residents over 18 years of age, now through January 31, 2020, and can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/DelCoSurvey>

For assistance completing the survey, or to complete the survey in another language, residents can call 410-502-8952 or email delcohealthstudy@gmail.com