Long Island Health Collaborative
Community Member Survey Summary of Findings

Methodology:

Surveys were distributed by paper and electronically, through Survey Monkey, to community members. The electronic version placed rules on certain questions; for questions 1-5 an individual could select three choices, and each question was mandatory. For question 6, individuals could choose as many responses as they'd like. Although the rules were written on the paper survey, people often did not follow them. On January 25, 2022, we downloaded the surveys from Survey Monkey. Data collected includes January - December 2021. We needed to add weights to the surveys which did not follow the rules - for each of the questions that had more than three responses. The weight for each response was $3/x$, where $x$ is the count of responses. No weight was applied to questions with less than three responses because they had the option to select more and chose not to do so. With the weight determined, we applied the formula to the data and then added the remaining surveys to the spreadsheet.

Analysis Results:

1. When asked: **What are the biggest ongoing health concerns in THE COMMUNITY WHERE YOU LIVE?**

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<td>Drugs &amp; Alcohol Abuse</td>
<td>31.15%</td>
<td>Heart Disease &amp; Stroke</td>
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<td>Mental Health Depression/Suicide</td>
<td>30.40%</td>
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<td>Obesity/Weight Loss Issues</td>
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<td>Vaccine Preventable Diseases</td>
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<td>Diabetes</td>
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2. When asked: **What are the biggest ongoing health concerns for YOURSELF?**

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3. When asked: *What prevents you and your family from getting medical treatment?*

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<td>Fear (e.g. not ready to face/discuss health problem; immigration status)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Unable to Pay Co-pays/Deductibles</td>
<td>30.36%</td>
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<td>Don’t Understand Need to See a Doctor</td>
<td>25.03%</td>
<td>Unable to Pay Co-pays/Deductibles</td>
<td>23.42%</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>There are no Barriers</td>
<td>16.81%</td>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>13.32%</td>
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4. When asked: *Which is MOST needed to improve the health of your community?*

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<td>Mental Health Services</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Healthier Food Choices</td>
<td>28.67%</td>
<td>Clean Air &amp; Water</td>
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<td>Job Opportunities</td>
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5. When asked: *What health screenings or education/information services are needed in your community?*

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<td>Mental Health/Depression</td>
<td>23.83%</td>
<td>Blood Pressure</td>
<td>24.31%</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Cancer</td>
<td>21.01%</td>
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<td>Drug &amp; Alcohol</td>
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<td>Cholesterol</td>
<td>20.62%</td>
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<td>Importance of Routine Well Check Ups</td>
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<td>93.90%</td>
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6. Finally, when asked: Where do you and your family get most of your health information?

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<td>Doctor/Health Professional</td>
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<td>80.75%</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Family or Friends</td>
<td>35.90%</td>
<td>Internet</td>
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<td>Family or Friends</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)</td>
<td>20.72%</td>
<td>Television</td>
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<td>Television</td>
<td>18.35%</td>
<td>Newspaper/Magazines</td>
<td>19.72%</td>
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1143 surveys were collected between January 1st and December 31st, 2021. There were 213 respondents for Nassau, 883 for Suffolk.

For a full version of the spreadsheet that includes interactive tables to analyze results based on demographic factors you can visit: [https://www.lihealthcollab.org/data-resources.aspx](https://www.lihealthcollab.org/data-resources.aspx)

**About the Long Island Health Collaborative**

The Long Island Health Collaborative is a partnership of Long Island’s hospitals, county health departments, physicians, health providers, community-based health and social service organizations, human service organizations, academic institutions, health plans, local government, and the business sector, all engaged in improving the health of Long Islanders. The initiatives of the LIHC are overseen by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.
LONG ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Your opinion is important to us!

The purpose of this survey is to get your opinion about health issues that are important in your community. Together, the County Departments of Health and hospitals throughout Long Island will use the results of this survey and other information to help target health programs in your community. Please complete only one survey per adult 18 years or older. Your survey responses are anonymous. Thank you for your participation.

1. What are the biggest ongoing health concerns in THE COMMUNITY WHERE YOU LIVE? (Please check up to 3)
   - [ ] Asthma/lung disease
   - [ ] Heart disease & stroke
   - [ ] Safety
   - [ ] Cancer
   - [ ] HIV/AIDS & Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)
   - [ ] Vaccine preventable diseases
   - [ ] Child health & wellness
   - [ ] Mental health
   - [ ] Women’s health & wellness
   - [ ] Diabetes
   - [ ] Other (please specify)
   - [ ] Drugs & alcohol abuse
   - [ ] Depression/suicide
   - [ ] Environmental hazards
   - [ ] Obesity/weight loss issues

2. What are the biggest ongoing health concerns for YOURSELF? (Please check up to 3)
   - [ ] Asthma/lung disease
   - [ ] Heart disease & stroke
   - [ ] Safety
   - [ ] Cancer
   - [ ] HIV/AIDS & Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)
   - [ ] Vaccine preventable diseases
   - [ ] Child health & wellness
   - [ ] Mental health
   - [ ] Women’s health & wellness
   - [ ] Diabetes
   - [ ] Other (please specify)
   - [ ] Drugs & alcohol abuse
   - [ ] Depression/suicide
   - [ ] Environmental hazards
   - [ ] Obesity/weight loss issues

3. What prevents you and your family from getting medical treatment? (Please check up to 3)
   - [ ] Cultural/religious beliefs
   - [ ] Lack of availability of doctors
   - [ ] Unable to pay co-pays/deductibles
   - [ ] Don’t know how to find doctors
   - [ ] Language barriers
   - [ ] There are no barriers
   - [ ] Don’t understand need to see a doctor
   - [ ] No insurance
   - [ ] Other (please specify)
   - [ ] Fear (e.g. not ready to face/discuss health problem; immigration status)
   - [ ] Transportation

4. Which of the following is MOST needed to improve the health of your community? (Please check up to 3)
   - [ ] Clean air & water
   - [ ] Mental health services
   - [ ] Smoking cessation programs
   - [ ] Drug & alcohol rehabilitation services
   - [ ] Recreation facilities
   - [ ] Transportation
   - [ ] Healthier food choices
   - [ ] Safe childcare options
   - [ ] Weight loss programs
   - [ ] Job opportunities
   - [ ] Safe places to walk/play
   - [ ] Other (please specify)
   - [ ] Safe worksites

5. What health screenings or education/information services are needed in your community? (Please check up to 3)
   - [ ] Blood pressure
   - [ ] Eating disorders
   - [ ] Mental health/depression
   - [ ] Cancer
   - [ ] Emergency preparedness
   - [ ] Nutrition
   - [ ] Cholesterol
   - [ ] Exercise/physical activity
   - [ ] Prenatal care
   - [ ] Dental screenings
   - [ ] Heart disease
   - [ ] Suicide prevention
   - [ ] Diabetes
   - [ ] HIV/AIDS & Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)
   - [ ] Vaccination/immunizations
   - [ ] Disease outbreak information
   - [ ] Other (please specify)
   - [ ] Drug and alcohol
   - [ ] Importance of routine well checkups
   - [ ] Other (please specify)
6. Where do you and your family get most of your health information? (Check all that apply)

- Doctor/health professional
- Family or friends
- Health Department
- Hospital
- Internet
- Library
- Newspaper/magazines
- Radio
- Religious organization
- School/college
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Television
- Worksite

For statistical purposes only, please complete the following:

I identify as:  
- Male  
- Female  
- Other

ZIP code where you live: _______________________

Town where you live: _______________________

What race do you consider yourself?

- White/Caucasian  
- Native American  
- Black/African American  
- Asian/Pacific Islander  
- Multi-racial  
- Other (please specify)

Are you Hispanic or Latino?  
- Yes  
- No

What language do you speak when you are at home (select all that apply)

- English  
- Portuguese  
- Spanish  
- Italian  
- Farsi  
- Polish  
- Chinese  
- Korean  
- Hindi  
- Haitian Creole  
- French Creole  
- Other

What is your annual household income from all sources?

- $0-$19,999  
- $20,000 to $34,999  
- $35,000 to $49,999  
- Over $125,000

What is your highest level of education?

- K-8 grade  
- Technical school  
- Graduate school  
- Some high school  
- Some college  
- Doctorate  
- High school graduate  
- College graduate  
- Other (please specify)

What is your current employment status?

- Employed for wages  
- Self-employed  
- Out of work and looking for work  
- Student  
- Retired  
- Out of work, but not currently looking  
- Military

Do you currently have health insurance?  
- Yes  
- No  
- No, but I did in the past

What type of insurance do you have? (select all that apply)

- Medicaid  
- Medicare  
- Private/Commercial  
- No Insurance

Do you have access to reliable internet in your home?  
- Yes  
- No

If you have health concerns or difficulty accessing care, please call the Long Island Health Collaborative for available resources at: 631-963-4767.

Please return this completed survey to:
LIHC  
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council  
1383 Veterans Memorial Highway, Suite 26  
Hauppauge, NY 11788  
Or you may fax completed survey to 631-716-6920

All non-profit hospitals on Long Island offer financial assistance for emergency and medically necessary care to individuals who are unable to pay for all or a portion of their care. To obtain information on financial assistance offered at each Long Island hospital, please visit the individual hospital’s website.