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**CALLING ALL LONG ISLAND RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS**

January 6, 2016 – (Hauppauge, NY) The Long Island Health Collaborative is calling for your participation in an anonymous survey, because the health of your community depends on it.

The Long Island Health Collaborative (LIHC) is a voluntary coalition that includes the Nassau and Suffolk County Departments of Health, Long Island hospitals and community-based organizations, among others. LIHC members are committed to improving the health of Long Islanders and making Long Island a better place to live, work and play.

The Community Health Assessment Survey was designed specifically for residents of Long Island. By distributing surveys through their vast network of locally ingrained organizations, the LIHC is accessing the voices of all communities, including the underserved. Survey results will be used to help target health needs of individual communities and design specific programs to address these needs.

“The survey takes less than five minutes to complete, and includes personalized questions like, ‘*What are the biggest ongoing health concerns for yourself?*’ and, ‘*What is most needed to improve the health of your community?*’” says Program Manager Sarah Ravenhall, who is overseeing the distribution and collection of the survey. “Community member responses will be used to give us a broad view of what problems are most significant within communities. As residents, this is an opportunity to ensure our voices are being heard. The more responses we receive, the better we will understand your concerns.”

To complete the Community Health Assessment Survey, please visit:

For English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHNAPPS>

For Spanish: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/SCHNAPPS>

For Haitian Creole: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCHNAPPS>

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**About the Long Island Health Collaborative**

The collaborative is a voluntary coalition that includes all Long Island hospitals, the two county health departments, dozens of community-based organizations, academic institutions, health plans, among other partners all working together to improve the health of Long Islanders. The LIHC is part of the Long Island Population Health Improvement Program (LIPHIP), which is a New York State Department of Health grant-funded initiative designed to promote population health activities.

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