



Iowa Department of Public Health
Promoting and Protecting the Health of Iowans

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Dear Partner in Public Health:

I am inviting your organization to join a statewide effort to keep Iowans living longer, healthier, more productive lives and enjoying our rich, Iowa quality of life. To achieve this goal, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is coordinating a needs assessment that will identify priority health issues, a first step in developing Iowa's health improvement plan.

We are asking your organization to recommend three priority health issues for inclusion in *Healthy Iowans: Iowa's Health Improvement Plan 2017-2021*. This input, along with recommendations from other stakeholders, will become an important part of a comprehensive needs assessment.

In the weeks ahead, we will be asking you to complete a form for submitting the recommendations. If there is someone else who is the contact person for your organization, we would appreciate your immediately sending the contact's name, phone number, and e-mail address to Louise Lex whose address is louise.lex@idph.iowa.gov. If you have any questions about the process, feel free to contact her by e-mail or phone (515-281-4348).

We look forward to your active partnership in this important venture.

You can access Iowa's most recent plan and the progress made thus far at <http://idph.iowa.gov/healthy-iowans/plan>. To sign up for more information about Healthy Iowans and related issues send a blank e-mail to join-HealthyIowans@lists.ia.gov.

Sincerely,

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