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**Public Opinion Sought on Community's Health Needs**

[Sturgis, MI – January 14, 2012] The St Joseph County Health Assessment seeks to survey St. Joseph County residents. In an effort to plan for future health related needs, the survey focuses on strengths, household challenges and issues, as well as public perception of needs in the area.

The survey is open January 23 through February 23 to any St. Joe County residents over 18 years of age. It takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Online respondents are anonymous and cannot be identified. Any personal information solicited is solely for the purpose of developing aggregate demographic group trends.

The survey may be accessed online at [www.SturgisHospital.com](http://www.SturgisHospital.com) and [www.ThreeRiversHealth.org](http://www.ThreeRiversHealth.org). Or contact Jo Iden at Sturgis Hospital for locations to take the survey in person, 269 659-6747. Spanish translation is available.

In about three months both Three Rivers Health and Sturgis Hospital will publish the results of this and other data collection efforts, along with anticipated responses to identified needs. It will be available for free by any interested individual.

Please encourage others in the community to participate in this survey. Public opinion is valuable.

Should you have questions about this survey, please contact:

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This project is a collaborative effort by Sturgis Hospital, Three Rivers Health, Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency and Community Mental Health.

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