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**COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL WORKING TO IDENTIFY, ADDRESS**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY’S TOP HEALTH PRIORITIES**

CITY, Tenn. – For more than two decades, Tennessee’s county health councils have provided critical leadership in bringing people together to tackle pressing issues in their communities. Beginning in 2020, the County Health Council will continue this work by leading a County Health Assessments (CHA).

Supported by the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH), the County Health Council will lead a six-month process to collect and share stories and local data related to County. Local stakeholders and community partners on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Health Council will use this information to prioritize up to three issues for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County and collaborate on strategies and actions to address them.

 County is one of 27 counties in Tennessee participating in this year’s County Health Assessment, and over the course of three years, all 89 rural counties in Tennessee will conduct a CHA. The results from these assessments will be used to support the TDH mission to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee. From start to finish, the CHA process puts community members in the driver’s seat and creates an exciting opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County residents to come together to identify and address health issues facing their community.

For more information on County’s CHA, visit [www.tn.gov/vitalsigns](http://www.tn.gov/vitalsigns) or contact the County Health Department at (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

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