

NCDHR Newsletter

The NCDHR is proud to launch the New York State Deaf Health Survey project!



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In the past, the Deaf Health Survey was hosted in Rochester, NY twice (2008 and 2013). The Deaf Health Survey provided the NCDHR and Rochester deaf communities with data needed to secure funding for research projects such as Deaf Weight Wise, Deaf Weight Wise 2.0; Deaf2 HIV Video Testing Line, etc. The Deaf Health Survey also allowed the Rochester deaf communities to identify their community health priorities- Obesity, Suicide Risk, and Intimate Partner Violence. The NCDHR was able to successfully fund additional research for each of these priorities.

Now, Earl, Kelly, Jenna and Christina will be working hard for the next few months to develop relationships with New York State deaf communities to collect survey data to help communities all over the state 1) identify their health priorities, 2) show data that proves need for services, 3) show the New York State Department of Health the strong network of deaf communities in New York!

What is on the survey? The Deaf Health Survey is provided in ASL (video) and English (text). The questions include a range of questions about health such as healthcare access, diabetes, mental health, drug/alcohol use, and so on. ALL survey responses will be confidential, we do not ask your name- we only ask Zip Code.

Who can take the survey? Deaf/hard of hearing, ASL-users over the age of 18 and live in New York State.

How can I take the survey? You can take this online at home using the link below in a Google Chrome Browser. You can also contact our team to invite us to your event, or co-host an event with us to get your community involved!

If you would like us to bring the survey to you and/or co-host an event, please contact us at NCDHR@urmc.rochester.edu or by VP (585) 286-2776.

A screenshot of a Google Chrome browser displaying the Deaf Health Survey. The survey is in ASL with English subtitles. A question asks "Would you say that in general your health is:" with four options: A) Excellent, B) Very Good, C) Good, and D) Fair. The "Very Good" option is selected. The survey interface includes a sidebar with names (Patrick, Lisa, Eyoob, Donna) and a "STOP" button in the top right. The bottom right has "BACK" and "NEXT" buttons.

What will we do with the survey information? The data collected in the survey will be presented to the New York State Department of Health to show (for the first time!) a big picture snapshot of the deaf communities in New York State. The NCDHR will also go back to the communities that took the survey, to share results and talk about what to do next with your community!

Take the survey here (using Google Chrome): <https://nysdhs.urmc.rochester.edu/>

Contact us to get involved: NCDHR@urmc.rochester.edu or VP (585) 286-2776.

Check out our **NEW** New York State Resource Lists:

<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/ncdhr/projects/nys-deaf-health-survey/new-york-state-dhs-resources.aspx>

