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***St. Clair County Health Department Announces Plan for 2016
Behavioral Risk Factor Survey and Community Health Needs Assessment Process***

The St. Clair County Health Department is notifying residents that over the next several months, we will be conducting the 2016 *St. Clair County Behavioral Risk Factor Survey* (BRFS) telephone survey. We are contracting with a vendor, "Northern Illinois University" displaying an "815" area code. Trained staff will identify themselves calling on behalf of the St. Clair County Health Department. Residents ages 18 and over will be randomly selected and contacted via land line or cell phone. Questions will be asked to gather information and data about the health behaviors and social issues of St. Clair County residents. The Health Department previously conducted surveys in 2000, 2005 and 2010. Once the BRFS is completed, a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) will be developed and shared with community members. By collecting behavioral health risk data at the local level, the BRFS and CHNA are powerful tools for targeting and building community health improvement plans.

To collect accurate, valid data, we are strongly encouraging residents whom are called to answer and participate in this 30 minute survey. The survey is anonymous. **Specific questions such as Social Security Numbers, last names, home addresses or credit card information will NOT be asked in the interview.**

For more information about the survey or any other questions, please contact the St. Clair County Health Department at (810) 987-5300 or visit our website to view past Community Health Assessments <http://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/health/CHAP.aspx>.

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