

Carver County Community Health Assessment

At least every five years, Carver County Public Health completes a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The purpose of the CHA is to learn about the health of our community and identify areas for improvement, which in turn informs the CHIP. The assessment is done in collaboration with residents, community organizations, businesses, faith organizations, health care providers, and policy makers.

Carver County Data Profiles

Carver County data profiles provide a high-level overview of topics that influence health, using a variety of data sources including the Carver County Adult Health Survey results. [See the Executive Summary from 2019 included in the packet.](#)

- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
- Belonging
- Chronic Disease
- Demographics
- Food
- Health Care Access
- Housing
- Infectious Disease
- Mental Health
- Physical Activity
- Transportation

Community Survey

One way the County learns more about the community is through a survey. In October 2018, a random sample of residents received a paper survey in the mail asking a wide range of questions about physical and mental health, diet, lifestyle, and ability to get health care.

The survey was anonymous (they did not ask for names) and responses were combined with others that completed the survey. The survey was one important way the County can hear directly from residents about health needs and the needs they see in the community. The results of the survey inform the Community Health Assessment and ongoing programmatic work.

Community Health Improvement Plan

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a strategic planning tool for improving the health of Carver County. The Carver County Public Health Department facilitates a planning process with a variety of partners, including non-profit organizations, public agencies, health care, businesses, and the faith community.

The strengths, needs, and interests of the community drive the planning process. This information is then used to develop the CHIP, which includes specific strategies to enhance the health of the county.