

## **Healthy Sheboygan County Informed Consent to Participate in Community Research**

**Study title:** 2026 Sheboygan County Community Health Survey

**Researcher[s]:** Healthy Sheboygan County, The Sheboygan County Division of Public Health, Lakeshore Community Health Care, Advocate-Aurora Hospital Systems, Health Sisters Hospital Systems St. Nicholas, Froedtert, United Way of Sheboygan County

We're inviting you to take a survey for research. This survey is completely voluntary. There are no negative consequences if you don't want to take it. If you start the survey, you can always change your mind and stop at any time.

### **What is the purpose of this study?**

We want to understand the priority health areas that affect Sheboygan County residents. We aim to use this information to help inform our Community Health Improvement Plan and measure progress towards a healthier Sheboygan County.

### **What will I do?**

This survey will ask questions about your health, how you access various types of care, demographic information, and community needs that you believe are important to Sheboygan County residents. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Data collection will occur between January-April 2026.

### **Risks**

- Some questions may be personal or upsetting. You can quit the survey at any time by closing your internet browser.
- Online data being hacked or intercepted: Anytime you share information online there are risks. We're using a secure system to collect and store this data but we can't completely eliminate this risk.
- Breach of confidentiality: There is a chance your data could be seen by someone who shouldn't have access to it. We're minimizing this risk in the following ways:
  - Data is anonymous.
  - We'll remove all identifiers after receiving the completed form
  - We'll store all electronic data on a permission-protected computer drive.

**Possible benefits:** Your participation helps Healthy Sheboygan County better understand more about health and community needs impacting residents.

**Estimated number of participants:** 1% of Sheboygan County's population (~1,180 participants)

**How long will it take?** Approximately 10 minutes

**Costs:** None

**Compensation:** Participants have the option of being entered into a drawing for a Gift Card by entering their email address within the survey tool. Additional gift cards may be provided to survey participants at select outreach locations throughout the data collection process while supplies last.

**Funding source:** Health Sheboygan County

**Where will data be stored?** On the researchers' computers

**How long will it be kept?** Records will be maintained for a minimum of 7 years per Wisconsin Records Retention Requirements.

**Who can see my data?**

- We (the researchers) will have access to coded data (identifiers removed and labeled with a study ID) This is so we can analyze the data and conduct the study while still respecting respondents' privacy.

**Questions about the research, complaints, or problems:** Contact The Sheboygan County Division of Public Health by email at [public.health@sheboygancounty.com](mailto:public.health@sheboygancounty.com) or by phone at (920) - 459 - 3207

**Agreement to Participate**

Your participation is completely voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time.

To take this survey, you must be:

- At least 18 years old
- Reside (or work) in Sheboygan County