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PRESS RELEASE

**Public Invited to Share Views on Health in
Clinton, Madison and Bond Counties**

GREENVILLE, BREESE, AND HIGHLAND, III. – HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospitals in Breese and Highland and HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville are joining with the respective health departments in their counties – Clinton County, Madison County and Bond County Health Departments – in asking residents of these counties to complete a short survey about health issues in their communities. The brief survey will be used to guide community health efforts for the next three years.

“Our organizations share a common goal of providing resources to the communities and individuals we serve,” said Alex Schneider, HSHS community health outreach specialist. “We look forward to hearing directly from our community so we can work in partnership with them to address identified needs.”

Residents of Clinton, Madison and Bond counties can take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QH559T2> through March 15. Hard copies will be available at the health departments in these counties. Responses are anonymous.

Non-profit hospitals like both St. Joseph’s hospitals and Holy Family Hospital are required by the Affordable Care Act to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) every three years to identify specific health priorities within the county where those hospitals are located. Hospitals work with other local health care organizations and health departments to collect this data and use it to develop a Community Health Implementation Plan to address the selected priorities.

Following the survey and other information gathering, the hospitals and health departments will determine which health priorities they should address over the next three years and how to implement those priorities. The completed CHNA report with identified health priorities will be available by the end of June 2024.

Four other hospitals in Hospital Sisters Health System are also conducting health needs assessments this month. They are HSHS St. John’s Hospital for Sangamon County, HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital for Macon County, HSHS St. Francis Hospital for Montgomery and Macoupin counties, and HSHS St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital for Effingham and Jasper counties.

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