



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CITY OF CHICAGO

October 15, 2019

Dear Administrator,

As Commissioner of the City of Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), I am asking for your school's participation in the 2020 Illinois Youth Survey (IYS). The IYS, which has been in use since 1994, is administered to 8th, 10th and 12th grade students. An individualized school report is provided only to principals so they can assess school needs and program impacts.

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) contracts with the Center for Prevention Research and Development (CPRD) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to make the survey available to all schools at no cost.

The survey provides accurate, reliable data on a variety of health issues and behaviors, including nutrition, physical activity, violence, bullying, and physical and mental health. With this data CDPH, Chicago Public Schools, other city agencies and community-based non-profits can ensure our limited resources are used in the most effective manner, responding to current and emerging needs in our neighborhoods. This data is also used to help IDHS secure federal funding and complements CDPH's citywide plan to promote health equity, Healthy Chicago 2.0. You can find out more about this plan by visiting <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthychicago.html>.

I strongly encourage you to participate in this vital survey. Please take a moment now to register online at <https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/register> or by phone at 888-333-5612. Your school's participation will help all of us more effectively improve our work, which will in turn have a direct impact on the health and well-being of our youth and families.

Sincerely,

Allison Arwady, MD
Commissioner

Cc: Dr. Janet Jackson
Chief Educational Officer
Chicago Public Schools