

June 3, 2021

Dear Iowa School Superintendent:

The Iowa Youth Survey (IYS) and Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) will be jointly administered from September 27 to November 12, 2021. These surveys collect valuable youth health behavior data that drives funding, program and policy decisions in communities across the state. We have valued your participation in the past and look forward to it again as we seek to understand the adolescent health behavior impacts of the pandemic.

All public and private school districts serving 6th, 8th and 11th grade students are invited to participate in the IYS. A small sample of Iowa high school buildings will be invited to participate in the YRBS. We offer in-person administrative support to any school participating in both surveys.

To assist with the joint administrative planning of these two important surveys, please complete [this form to indicate](#) your school district's intention to participate. Please complete this form by June 30, 2021.

[Hear why stakeholders need your school to participate](#) in the 2021 IYS and YRBS. For more information on the surveys, see the [Iowa Youth Health Assessment Program webpage](#).

The 2021 Iowa Youth Survey questionnaire will be available soon; another announcement will be sent providing a link to the questionnaire in mid-June. The 2021 Iowa YRBS questionnaire will be available this summer.

Please direct questions about either survey to iowayouthsurvey@idph.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

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