



Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment Community Forums – Washington County

Dear Community Member:

You are cordially invited to attend a community forum on **either Thursday September 20 from 8:00 – 10:30 am at the Maine Veterans Home (32 Veterans Way, Machias) or Wednesday September 26 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm at the Washington County Community College (1 College Way, Calais)**, hosted by the Downeast Public Health Council.

The Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment is completed every three years and is a collaborative initiative of Central Maine Healthcare, EMHS (*EMHS to become Northern Light Health on October 1, 2018*), MaineGeneral Health, MaineHealth, and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. We use this assessment to turn data into action so that Maine will become the healthiest state in the US. Through this dynamic public-private partnership, we will develop shared community health needs assessment reports.

Using these data results and your input, hospitals and public health councils will develop and implement a health improvement plan, with the goal of improving community health and guiding future decision making based on the strengths and needs of the community. Community member input is critical to this process. Summary data reports can be found at <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/phdata/MaineCHNA/>.

The purpose of these forums is to ask you to review and discuss the Washington County Health Profile and together, identify what health issues you think are important for the health of your community.

Follow this link to register for this free event: [Washington County](#)

Pre-registration is requested. Registration at the door will occur from 8:00 – 8:30 am in Machias and 4:00 – 4:30 pm in Calais. *Light refreshments will be served.*

Thanks to our Washington County Community Engagement Committee for sponsoring this event.

