ST. JOSEPH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

St. Joseph County Department of Health

"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"

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St. Joseph County Department of Health Releases First Health Equity Report

The St. Joseph County Department of Health works to promote physical and mental health and facilitate the prevention of disease, injury, and disability for all St. Joseph County residents. The SJC Department of Health is committed to a data-driven, evidence-based, community-centered focus on health equity.

Over the last two years, the Department's Health Equity, Epidemiology, and Data (HEED) team has defined the burden of disease in St. Joseph County and worked to understand how social and structural factors impact health in the county.

The Department is now releasing its first <u>Health Equity Report</u>. All media outlets are invited to attend a media roundtable to discuss the report on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the St. Joseph County Department of Health (227 W. Jefferson Blvd., 8th floor, South Bend, IN 46601). Only media are invited.

Health equity is achieved when every individual has equal opportunity to achieve optimal health irrespective of skin color, ethnicity, education, gender, sexual orientation, occupation, neighborhood, or disability status.

The community will have the opportunity to learn more about the report at community forums planned throughout the rest of the year.

For more information on health equity, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <u>Health Equity - Office of Minority Health and Health Equity - CDC</u>. To stay up to date with the St. Joseph County Department of Health, please visit us at <u>www.sjcindiana.com/health</u> or follow us on Facebook (stjosephcountyhealth) and Twitter (@sjchealth).

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