



Dear School Nurse,

The Maine Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, is pleased to announce the sixth administration of the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS) for 2019. **The principals of schools that have been asked to participate in the Kindergarten/3<sup>rd</sup> grade (K/3) & 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade (5/6) sample surveys, or the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade & 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade census surveys have been notified via a "Save the Date" postcard sent in the mail.** We will be contacting superintendents as well as selected schools throughout the fall with further details. In the meantime, here are some things to know about the 2019 MIYHS:

- **The K/3<sup>rd</sup> grade student screening module can be administered in selected schools anytime between December 2018 and April 2019.**
  - We are happy to inform you that there will be assistance provided for the oral health screening portion of the K/3 survey again this year.
- **The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade survey module will be administered in selected schools on a day of the schools' choosing between February 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**
  - Volunteer schools are welcomed for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> module in addition to those sampled.
- **The Middle and High School survey module will also be administered on a day of the schools' choosing between February 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
  - **All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade schools are encouraged to participate.**
- Benefits of your school's participation in this effort include school and school district level reports for school administration (as survey module and response rates allow), among others.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the following MIYHS staff:

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We look forward to working with you throughout this project and appreciate your cooperative efforts to make this project possible.

Sincerely,

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