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REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS ANNOUNCED TO GATHER COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

District Health Departments No. 2 (DHD2) and No. 4 (DHD4) announce the availability of listening sessions in each region to gather information that helps the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) have a better understanding of regional issues that can be addressed and applied to efforts in prevention of chronic disease. The sessions are open to residents from the Northeast Community Health Innovation Region: Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon Counties.

Building and maintaining trust and legitimacy with the communities we serve is paramount for the MDHHS and the success of our local efforts. Community members should be recognized as essential partners in the development of programs and policies and offered meaningful and accessible opportunities to provide input. “We believe that our communities know their own needs best and can produce real solutions for improvements that grow an overall sense of resilience,” says Denise Bryan, DHD2/DHD4 Health Officer. These listening sessions are the first step to starting a conversation that will inform and guide future program and policy development at the state a local level. Your voice is important and will help us add the right resources and advocate for key changes.

Listening Sessions will be held at the following locations, dates, and times:

**July Session**
Thursday, July 13th at 6:00pm
Tawas High School Cafeteria
255 W M 55, Tawas City, MI 48763

**August Session** *
Tuesday, August 1st at 6:00 pm
Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District (AMA-ESD)
2118 US Highway 23 S, Alpena, MI 49707

Those interested in attending a listening session must first pre-register by:
- scanning the QR code, or by:
- following this link: [https://forms.office.com/r/n3ngnwCq4F](https://forms.office.com/r/n3ngnwCq4F)

Reasonable accommodations are available for those who make requests on the registration form.

*The first fifty people at each location who register and then attend a session will receive a $50 gift card.