



## **AGENCY ONLINE SURVEY TO MEASURE IMPACT UPON BEHAVIORAL, PHYSICAL, AND SOCIAL HEALTH OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA FROM CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND INFORM SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS**

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority conducts an assessment of the citizen population to better assess the impact of COVID-19 upon the community.

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**MONROE, LA** – Northeast Delta Human Services Authority is announcing a brief online survey to assess the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic upon the behavioral, physical, and social health of the citizens in our service region and beyond. The resulting information collected will better inform our programs and services, benefiting the citizens we serve.

"COVID-19 is having a profound effect on all of us," said Dr. Monteic A. Sizer, Executive Director of Northeast Delta Human Services Authority. "We understand that many people in our region are experiencing significant mental, physical, spiritual, and financial difficulties due to COVID-19. Knowing the full extent and nuisances of the problems people are facing will help us better meet their needs."

The survey, available on Northeast Delta HSA's COVID-19 page ([www.nedeltahsa.org/COVID-19](http://www.nedeltahsa.org/COVID-19)), is voluntary, anonymous, accessible via an online Google Form, and requires an estimated 10 minutes for completion. It will gather data on how COVID-19 has impacted personal well-being and physical health, including mental and behavioral health status and general information access and practices. It will not ask for any protected or private health information, and participants cannot be identified by the data collected.

Additional information will be collected on demographics, relationship status, current living situation, household composition, employment status, and how COVID-19 impacted any or all of these areas. It will also gather information on COVID-19 related resource concerns like household maintenance, food security, health and healthcare, and social relationships.

"Along with our integrated behavioral and primary healthcare model, we have implemented a number of prevention, wellness, housing, and workforce programs to help citizens begin to establish a new normal," said Sizer. "We must continue examining and understanding the



interplay between individual and community factors so that we can keep innovating and helping our region's people reach their full potential."

The online survey: NEDHSA COVID-19 Social Health Impact Assessment will be made public and distributed electronically for access and completion by anyone aged 18 years and older who currently resides in the United States and can read and write in English. Targeted populations include the citizens of northeast Louisiana living in Region 8, followed by Louisiana residents living throughout the state. Individuals outside of the state of Louisiana are welcome to complete the online survey, as responses and data analysis can be stratified by location.

Direct Survey Link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxIoY2J-wNqSjNk9INBRS5iwTMyrRyyafag-ZiJncbwG9oiA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

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#### About Northeast Delta Human Services Authority

Northeast Delta HSA manages the operation of community-based programs to improve the quality of life for individuals with major mental illness, developmental disabilities, and addictive disorders. Northeast Delta accomplishes this by utilizing a nationally-recognized and integrative approach that identifies and addresses behavioral and primary health care needs. Our agency operates through collaboration with regional partners in business, prevention, education, and care in 12 parishes (Caldwell, East Carroll, West Carroll, Ouachita, Lincoln, Madison, Franklin, Morehouse, Jackson, Tensas, Richland, and Union). Northeast Delta is devoted to delivering programs and services that encourage citizens of northeast Louisiana to reach their full human potential. Three tenets guide these efforts: excellent customer service, greater access to services, and competent, quality care.

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