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Health Department

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Health Impacts Survey Issued For Public To Complete On Chemtool Fire Event

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD), in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR), has issued a survey to the public to complete after the Chemtool Fire Event to assess the impact on the community's health at this time.

"This survey is an opportunity for residents to share the impact the Chemtool fire had on them in a way that helps residents be heard and helps scientists identify any potential health concerns from this event," said Dr. Sandra Martell.

By conducting this survey, scientists can learn more about the impact of the Chemtool Fire in Rockton which will help identify potential health effects that may be related to the event. It is important to note that the issuance of this survey does not mean there were any health effects from the event, but is a way to assess the community's health in case there are any health concerns that can be identified. Survey results may also allow WCHD to direct you to pertinent services or health information related to your exposure from the Chemtool Fire.

Complete the 15 minute survey online at www.wchd.org/fire or call the hotline at 815-972-7300 by **July 15, 2021**. You may also go to Village of Rockton, Rockton Village Hall to take the survey.

Participant will be asked questions about:

- Where you were during the event or how you might have been exposed
- If you are experiencing any new or worsening symptoms
- If you received care or treatment

Taking part in this survey is voluntary and participants can refuse or decline to answer any questions in the survey. Refusing to participate in the survey does NOT affect any government benefits you may receive.

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