



Wetzel County Hospital

Community Health Needs Assessment

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Document Acronyms

The following acronyms are used throughout this document:

Acronym	Definition
ACA	Affordable Care Act
CHIP	Community Health Implementation Plan
CHNA	Community Health Needs Assessment
WCH	Wetzel County Hospital
WVUHS	West Virginia University Health System
WVU OHA	West Virginia University Office of Health Affairs

1 Background and Introduction

Provisions in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 require tax-exempt (non-profit) hospitals to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and develop a Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP) at least every three years. The regulations for the CHNA include defining the hospital's service area and compiling demographics and analysis of health indicators; taking into account input from the community, including public health professionals; identifying resources; and prioritizing community health needs.

The 2021 Wetzel County Hospital (WCH) CHNA meets the requirements described above and identifies the following prioritized needs

- Diabetes, Nutrition, Obesity, and Physical Activity
- Substance Use and Abuse
- Mental Health
- Cancer
- Cost of Care

This document serves as a roadmap for the CHIP, which will be developed following the completion of the 2021 CHNA and will specify planned actions to be taken by WCH and community partners, available resources, anticipated steps, and a plan for evaluating these activities. In addition to the requirement to conduct a CHNA, WCH hospital leadership continually expressed the desire to go beyond regulatory requirements in serving patients and the community at large. To facilitate this goal, WCH partnered with West Virginia University's Office of Health Affairs (WVU OHA) to complete this CHNA using a robust community based process designed to engage a broad representation of community members. The WVU team was led by Dr. Tom Bias. A CHNA leadership team including hospital and community representation was convened by CCMC to inform and guide the process.

As with all things related to hospital operations in 2020-2021, this process has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes overall delays to many steps along the way, ability to engage the community in the process as usual, and the need for hospital administrators and community partners to focus heavily on clinical and other professional operations throughout the CHNA process.

1.1 About Wetzel County Hospital

Wetzel County Hospital and a training school for nurses were established in 1920. A group of New Martinsville, WV men applied to West Virginia Secretary of State for a certificate of incorporation to operate the new hospital. It was approved that spring, and the first hospital business meeting too place in April 1920. In 1936, WCH was moved to its second location, where the original unit consisted of operating and emergency facilities, a 25-bed capacity, and 8 bassinets. Later, in 1952, a two-story addition was added, bed capacity was brought up to 55 beds and 12 bassinets, and basement facilities were added.

In the late 1950s, it was discovered at a meeting of the State Board of Health that funds had been granted to a hospital in another West Virginia city, and Wetzel County Hospital was unable to comply

with the necessary qualifications for acceptance. Senator Ted Bowers contacted the Wetzel County Hospital Board and with their approval, asked that funds be channeled to the local hospital. These dollars were appropriated and matched by the community of New Martinsville and surrounding area, and funds were also donated by the Ford Foundation.

In 1960, WCH expanded once more to 81 beds and adding many needed features, including bringing central oxygen to most of the beds. In the 1970s, planning for a replacement hospital began. The current WCH facilities on East Benjamin Drive were completed in the spring of 1979. Since the dedication of the facility, many services and features have been added.

In 2020, WCH was purchased by WVU Medicine. They are currently licensed for 58 beds, with 20 dedicated med/surg beds and another 5 for ICU. As a new non-profit member of the WVUH System, this is the first cycle in which WCH is obligated to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment.

1.2 Definition of the Community Served

For WCH's first needs assessment, the CHNA leadership team defined the community served as Wetzel and Tyler counties in West Virginia, as well as Monroe County, Ohio. WVUHS hospitals in adjacent service areas (Reynolds Memorial Hospital to the north and Camden Clark Medical Center to the south) were also conducting needs assessments at this time, as was a neighboring Tyler County hospital in another health system. WCH considered all these factors when identifying their own service area for data collection. Leadership did not wish to over-burden these neighboring communities with requests for data collection.

Figure 1: WCH Service Area



The following table contains information from the US Census Bureau and shows the most current Quickfacts¹ (Appendix A) for the three counties in WCH's service area. It outlines some basic demographics, as well as information about health insurance coverage and poverty levels.

Table 1: Select Demographic Data

	Wetzel, WV	Tyler, WV	Monroe, OH
Population	15,065	8,591	13,654
Residents under 18	19.7%	19.3%	19.9%
Non-white or 1+ race	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%
Hispanic or Latino	1.1%	0.8%	0.8%
High school education or more	86.2%	89.2%	89.1%
Bachelor's degree or more	12.0%	14.1%	12.5%
Under 65 yrs. and uninsured	7.8%	6.9%	9.0%

¹ https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045219

Persons living in poverty 16.3% 15.4% 14.0%	Persons living in poverty	16.3%	15.4%	14.0%
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2 Methodology and Community Input Process

The CHNA process began with a thorough review of publicly available secondary data related to counties within WCH's service area, as well as discussion of some common health topics and themes that have emerged through the CHNAs of hospitals in adjacent service areas. Secondary data included the above census data and County Health Rankings Data (Appendix B). Using these reports as a springboard, the leadership team started the initial discussion around critical health needs, changes in the community demographics over the previous few years, and lessons learned through provision of programming that already exists at WCH.

Primary data collection was comprised of surveying community members to gather perceptions of health issues, quality of life, and other related topics. Survey data was analyzed and presented back to the WCH leadership team, and then again at a community event hosted virtually by the hospital team. This event was focused on reviewing the survey data, discussing community assets that impact population health in WCH's service area, as well as discussing the needs of those not well-represented in the survey data. At this meeting, the group worked to discuss possible strategies for each area of concern, as well as existing resources to address these needs.

2.1 Primary Methods of Collecting and Analyzing Information

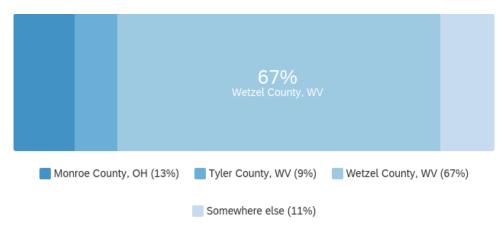
Two primary sources of data were utilized to inform the CHNA: (1) a public input survey and (2) a community meeting. The public input survey (Appendix C) was developed by WVU OHA with the WCH CHNA leadership team following an iterative process. Survey topics included questions about specific health issues, thoughts on overall health of the community, quality of life, access to health care and medical needs (including specialist care), risky behaviors and personal choices, and demographic information including geographic location and income.

Data was collected anonymously from residents age 18 and older. The survey was disseminated electronically. In addition to a MyChart email blast to patients, collection efforts included:

- WCH's hospital newsletter and staff email list
- Wetzel County Schools
- Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce newsletter
- Monroe County Health Department
- Monroe County School Teachers
- Monroe County Board of Health
- WCH Social Media
- Assorted Wetzel and Tyler County social services agencies

It was not intended to be a representative, scientific sample of residents of these three counties, but rather a mechanism to solicit the community's perception of health needs. A total of 920 surveys were completed by community members from the area. Noteworthy limitations included disproportionately low representation from males, from the lower-income population of these counties, from non-white community members, and from households with children.

Figure 2: Survey Response by County



At the conclusion of data collection, analysis was conducted by the WVU team. Results were presented back to leadership team members in aggregate (Appendix D), and also broken down by income, age, and other demographics to ensure there was no significant variation in responses among groups. The team discussed the data alongside known health issues in the community, experiences in their own clinical and other professional settings, resources already in place to address some of the top issues, and initial thoughts about further addressing the most prevalent community concerns.

Additional information was collected through feedback at virtual community meeting hosted on December 13, 2021. This session, open to the public and with stakeholder representation from invested community partners, solicited input about community health needs and sought to identify groups and organizations already providing essential services. Survey results were presented to this group and strategies for improving health outcomes in the top areas were discussed. Five attendees participated in this event. More details on the makeup of this session are found below.

2.2 Leadership Team and Community Partners

The following organizations were represented on CCMC's CHNA leadership team and provided thorough input throughout the process of developing the CHNA. These individuals informed the public input survey and were instrumental in dissemination. Additionally, they identified and invited attendees to the community meeting, and were charged as a group with collaborative discussion of primary and secondary data to determine health priorities.

Leadership Team

- Sarah Arend, WVU Medicine
- Alex Inclan, WVU Medicine, CFO
- Roger Lockhart, WVU Medicine, Director of Marketing
- Tad Greene, WVU Medicine, Director of Operations
- Darcey Ferrell, WVU Medicine, Social Worker
- Ashley Guiler, Wetzel/Tyler Health Department
- Kelly Fletcher, DHHR
- Kim Eagleson, New Martinsville Farmers Market
- Tammy Hulbert-Wells, Superintendent of Wetzel County Schools

- Jessica Rine, United Way, Upper Ohio Valley
- Elizabeth Seckman, Family Resource Network
- Larry Lemon, WCH Board of Directors
- Melissa Maston, New Beginnings Recovery Clinic
- Chief Tim Cecil, New Martinsville Police Department

At the community meeting in December, attendees from WVU medicine and Youth Services System were asked to speak to the experiences of the populations whom they serve or represent, and to discuss the accuracy of the survey data in relation to their professional and personal experiences as community members. Additionally, the group worked to compile a list of existing resources, programs, and policies, as well as fresh ideas or potential partnerships for addressing each area of concern. They also discussed the best ways to reliably get information about services out to those in the community.

3 Community Health Needs Prioritization

Following the community meeting, the leadership team met to review all input together and identify priority areas to address through implementation strategies. Leadership reviewed closely the top concerns raised across all categories including health and disease, quality of life, environment, risky behaviors, and personal choice (see tables 2-4 below).

Table 2: Community Health Perceptions Survey - Health & Disease

Top Health and Disease Concerns		
Drug and/or alcohol use	65.9%	
Obesity	45.0%	
Cancer	35.4%	
Diabetes	26.8%	
Mental health problems	26.0%	

Table 3: Community Health Perceptions Survey - Quality of Life & Environment

Top Quality of Life and Environment Concerns	
Cost of health care and/or medications	52.6%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	37.5%
Poverty	31.6%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	25.8%
Limited access to public transportation	20.4%

Table 4: Community Health Perceptions Survey - Risky Behavior & Personal Choice

Top Risky Behavior and Personal Choice Concerns	
Drug use	80.5%
Lack of exercise	33.9%
Excessive alcohol use	33.1%
Unhealthy eating choices	33.1%
Child abuse and neglect	32.9%

Health issues were largely consistent when comparing datasets across demographics. For example, both men and women listed substance use and abuse, adult obesity, and cancer as their overall top three concerns, to varying degrees. These "top three" were consistent across all demographic comparisons, with a few exceptions: non-white respondents and those over the age of sixty-five listed substance use, obesity, and diabetes as their main concerns. Residents with a four-year degree or more, as well as those with children in their households, listed substance use, obesity, and mental health issues as their top three. Further demographic breakdowns of top health and disease concerns can be found in Appendix E.

Beyond health and disease, topics related to quality of life and environment also shared a common theme. Cost of health care and medications was the top concern across ever demographic comparison. Next in line was typically limited activities for children and teens or poverty, with one exception: senior citizens age 65 and older listed transportation as their second main quality of life concern.

Topics related to personal choice and risky behaviors tied in directly with all of the above. Drug use, lack of exercise, alcohol use, unhealthy eating choices, and child abuse and neglect were all issues that appeared at the top of all datasets. When asked in an open-ended way for suggestions to address these issues, those who took the survey frequently answered with ideas that fell into the following categories:

- Access to care
- Recreation: facilities, community activities, outdoor options for physical activity
- Nutrition: healthier restaurant and grocery options, food assistance, programs/classes
- Education: health-related
- Community activities

3.1 Prioritization Process

The existing secondary data, new survey data, and community meeting input all factored into WCH leadership's prioritization decisions. The group considered the degree to which the hospital can realistically affect health outcomes for each topic, projects or programs already underway for each, as well as level of importance placed on each by the community relative to the reach of WCH's impact. Leadership paid particular attention to the demographics of respondents compared to the community (Appendix F), requested specialty servcies (Appendix G), ideas for community health improvement (Appendix H), as well as other areas and demographics they know to be of particular concern in their community.

Within this discussion of where and how the hospital can realistically affect community wellbeing and health outcomes, what they could accomplish with collaboration with partners, and what topics to monitor and revisit at a later time, the list of top health concerns was organized into five that will be the focus moving forward with implementation planning.

Diabetes, Nutrition, Obesity, and Physical Activity

WCH anticipated early in the process that these topics would rise to the top of community health concerns in their survey data collection. Secondary data, their own clinical and professional experience working in the community, and more lent to ongoing conversations about working to address these issues through community benefit programming. WCH has chosen to prioritize all of these topics together and will work to find ways to address these interconnected issues.

Substance Use

WCH leadership recognizes this prevalent local and statewide issue that affects many residents of their service area. They are aware of limited access to treatment and other resources in the region, and intend to implement programming that will include elements of prevention and education.

Mental Health

Like substance use and abuse, WCH sees mental health issues/access as a problem that is regional and perhaps beyond the scope of their ability to impact broadly. However, given its prevalence in the data and community input, and a desire to serve residents, leadership has chosen to prioritize this issue to address through programming.

Cancer

Cancer is among the top health concerns for this hospital's area, and WCH has chosen to prioritize it among the health topics that will be addressed via community benefit strategies.

Cost of Care

Socioeconomic issues are prevalent concerns in this community: cost of care is at the top of this list. Though the hospital cannot solve this large systemic problem, leadership is willing to look for creative ways to work to bridge the gap. Discussion included avenues to connect with people where they may already be receiving food assistance or treatment services and provision of free health screenings. Leadership has chosen to prioritize this topic among the list of health and disease concerns above.

3.2 Potential Resources

During the prioritization process for this CHNA, WCH leadership discussed some initial thoughts about potential partnerships and logistics of developing implementation programming. This included partnerships with school systems and work that could be done to serve students, discussion of a community resource day happening in the spring of 2022, and avenues for getting information out to all populations within their service area.

4 Conclusion

Though the COVID-19 pandemic delayed completion of WCH's CHNA due to multiple case surges, prioritization of clinical operations, effects on data collection efforts, and the ability of the usual hospital and community partners to participate in a predictable fashion, WCH's leadership team has completed this process thoughtfully and with an eye on implementation programming and how to turn these concerns into actions to benefit the community. The 2021 CHNA identified five priorities to guide CCMC's efforts to improve the health of community members:

- Diabetes, Nutrition, Obesity, Physical Activity
- Substance Use/Abuse
- Mental Health
- Cancer
- Cost of Care

5 Appendices

Appendix A - US Census Quickfacts Data

Appendix B - County Health Rankings and Roadmaps Data

Appendix C - Community Health Perceptions Survey

Appendix D - Aggregate Survey Data

Appendix E - Top Health and Disease Demographic Breakdowns

Appendix F - Respondent Demographics vs. Community Demographics

Appendix G – Requested Specialty Services

Appendix H – Community Suggestions for Improving Health



QuickFacts

West Virginia; Monroe County, Ohio; Tyler County, West Virginia; Wetzel County, West Virginia

QuickFacts provides statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a *population of 5,000 or more*.

Table

All Topics	West Virginia	Monroe County, Ohio	Tyler County, West Virginia	Wetzel County, West Virginia
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Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019)	1,853,018	14,631	9,230	16,563
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to	-3.3%	-6.7%	-6.9%	-9.0%
July 1, 2019, (V2019) Population, Census, April 1, 2020	1,793,716	13,385	8,313	14,442
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	1,852,994	14,642	9,208	16,583
Age and Sex	1,002,001	11,1012	0,200	10,000
Persons under 5 years, percent	▲ 5.2%	▲ 5.0%	4 .7%	▲ 5.1%
Persons under 18 years, percent	▲ 20.1%	▲ 19.9%	▲ 19.3%	▲ 19.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	▲ 20.5%	▲ 24.1%	▲ 23.4%	▲ 23.2%
Female persons, percent	▲ 50.5%	4 9.7%	4 9.6%	▲ 51.1%
Race and Hispanic Origin				
White alone, percent	▲ 93.5%	▲ 97.6%	▲ 97.7%	a 97.8%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	▲ 3.6%	▲ 0.6%	▲ 0.3%	▲ 0.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.3%	▲ 0.2%	▲ 0.3%	▲ 0.1%
Asian alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.8%	▲ 0.2%	▲ 0.5%	▲ 0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	▲ Z	≜ Z	≜ Z	▲ 0.0%
Two or More Races, percent	1 .8%	▲ 1.4%	▲ 1.1%	▲ 1.2%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	▲ 1.7%	▲ 0.8%	▲ 0.8%	▲ 1.1%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	▲ 92.0%	▲ 96.9%	▲ 97.1%	▲ 96.9%
Opulation Characteristics				
/eterans, 2015-2019	130,536	912	626	900
Foreign born persons, percent, 2015-2019	1.7%	0.6%	0.9%	0.3%
lousing				
Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	894,956	7,483	5,036	8,201
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019	73.2%	78.3%	82.7%	79.4%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019	\$119,600	\$110,000	\$96,300	\$103,600
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2015- 1019	\$1,050	\$918	\$888	\$885
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2015-2019	\$326	\$365	\$289	\$304
Median gross rent, 2015-2019	\$725	\$593	\$664	\$703
Building permits, 2020	3,204	3	0	59
Families & Living Arrangements				
Households, 2015-2019	732,585	5,745	3,207	5,762
Persons per household, 2015-2019	2.42	2.40	2.72	2.65
iving in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 ear+, 2015-2019	88.3%	93.1%	94.2%	91.1%
anguage other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2015-2019	2.6%	1.6%	1.6%	0.6%
Computer and Internet Use				
Households with a computer, percent, 2015-2019	84.2%	76.7%	77.1%	76.9%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2015-2019	76.0%	65.4%	69.8%	71.3%
Education				
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019	86.9%	89.1%	89.2%	86.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019	20.6%	12.5%	14.1%	12.0%
Health				
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2015-2019	14.0%	14.8%	13.1%	14.9%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	▲ 8.3%	▲ 9.0%	▲ 6.9%	▲ 7.8%
Economy				
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019	53.2%	47.5%	45.3%	46.6%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019	49.1%	39.4%	40.6%	41.4%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000)	4,036,333	5,921	D	28,220
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Some estimates presented here come from sample data, and thus have sampling errors that may render some apparent differences between geographies statistically indistinguishable. Click the Quick Info () icon to the left of each row in TABLE view to learn about sampling error.

The vintage year (e.g., V2019) refers to the final year of the series (2010 thru 2019). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

Fact Notes

- (a) Includes persons reporting only one race
 (c) Economic Census Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data
 (b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

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The 2021 Rankings includes deaths through 2019. See our FAQs for information about when we anticipate the inclusion of deaths attributed to COVID-19.

Compare Counties 2021 Rankings

	Monroe (MO), OH X	Tyler (TY), WV X PEER COUNTY	Wetzel (WT), WV X PEER COUNTY
Health Outcomes		PEER COUNTY	PEER COUNTY
Length of Life			
Premature death	7,700	9,900	10,200
Quality of Life			
Poor or fair health**	21%	23%	26%
Poor physical health days**	4.6	5.2	5.6
Poor mental health days**	5.3	5.8	6.0
Low birthweight	7%	10%	9%
Health Factors			
Health Behaviors			
Adult smoking**	27%	26%	28%
Adult obesity**	36%	35%	38%
Food environment index**	7.2	7.8	6.0
Physical inactivity**	32%	28%	27%
Access to exercise opportunities	70%	79%	57%
Excessive drinking**	17%	15%	15%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	40%	33%	40%
Sexually transmitted infections**	114.7	147.8	200.8
Teen births	24	29	37
Clinical Care			
Uninsured	9%	6%	8%
Primary care physicians	6,900:1	2,190:1	1,910:1
Dentists	6,830:1	8,590:1	2,150:1
Mental health providers	3,410:1	4,300:1	1,080:1
Preventable hospital stays	5,484	6,225	4,071
Mammography screening	42%	45%	39%
Flu vaccinations	40%	36%	39%
Social & Economic Factors			
High school completion	89%	89%	86%
Some college	53%	47%	39%
Unemployment**	8.3%	7.8%	7.2%
Children in poverty	20%	21%	23%
Income inequality	4.3	4.9	4.6
Children in single-parent households	21%	20%	32%
Social associations	16.7	16.0	16.4
Violent crime**	68	229	89
Injury deaths	86	120	105
Physical Environment			
Air pollution - particulate matter	8.3	7.9	7.8
Air poliution - particulate matter Drinking water violations	No	Yes	Yes
Drinking water violations Severe housing problems	12%	9%	9%
	87%	85%	85%
Driving alone to work	51%	50%	38%
Long commute - driving alone	31/0	30/0	30/6

^{**} Compare across states with caution

Wetzel County Hospital Community Health Survey

Start of Block: Default Question Block Q1 Thank you for taking this Community Health Survey - your thoughts are important to us and will benefit the people who live in your County. Wetzel County Hospital is collecting this information for the first time, and will be using it to create programming to benefit the health of residents. Programs that come out of this data collection could include school-based programming, things geared toward senior citizens, and more. This survey is anonymous - your answers will not be connected to you in any way. Thank you for your time and please contact us if you have any questions or need help completing this survey. If you have recently completed this survey, there is no need to do so again. Please feel free to share this link with other members of your community. - Emily Sarkees, WVU Office of Health Affairs, edillama@hsc.wvu.edu In which county do you currently live? Monroe County, OH Tyler County, WV Wetzel County, WV

Display This Question:

Somewhere else

If Thank you for taking this Community Health Survey - your thoughts are important to us and will be... = Somewhere else

Q2 In which county and state do you live?
O County
O State
Q3 What is your age?
O Less than 18 years
○ 18 to 29 years
○ 30 to 39 years
○ 40 to 49 years
○ 50 to 64 years
○ 65 years or older
Skip To: End of Survey If What is your age? = Less than 18 years
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Q4 How were	you invited to complete this survey?
	My employer
	Social media
	MyChart online patient portal
	Friend or family member
	Public school, library, or other community organization
	Other
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Q5 How would you rate your county as a mealthy community ?
O Very Unhealthy
O Unhealthy
O Somewhat Unhealthy
○ Somewhat Healthy
○ Healthy
O Very Healthy
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Q6 What do y	ou think is the mo	st important heal	th problem or iss	sue where you live	€?
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health and dis	sease in your county? Please choose <u>ONLY 3</u> .
	Aging problems
	Anxiety
	Cancers
	Chronic disease
	COVID-19
	Dental problems
	Diabetes ("sugar")
	Depression/hopelessness
	Drug and/or alcohol use
	Heart problems
	High blood pressure
	Mental health problems
	Obesity
	Respiratory/lung disease/asthma
	Other
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Q7 From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to

quality of life a	and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.
	Chronic loneliness or isolation
	Cost of health care and/or medications
	Homelessness
	Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage
	Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food
	Limited access to public transportation
	Limited affordable/quality housing
	Limited job opportunities
	Limited organized activities for children and teens
	Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids
	Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.
	Limited social services or programs
	Poverty
	Water/air quality
	Other
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Q8 From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to

o personal ch	noices in your county? Please choose <u>ONLY 3</u> .
	Excessive alcohol use
	Child abuse and neglect
	Crime
	Distracted driving (cellphone use)
	Domestic violence
	Drug use
	Gambling
	Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)
	Lack of exercise
	Not getting recommended immunizations
	Overeating
	Tobacco
	Unhealthy eating choices
	Vaping
	Other
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Q9 From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related

Q10 Can you think of something that would help improve the health of your community?					
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Q11 in general, now would you describe your nealth?
O Very Poor
OPoor
○ Fair
Good
○ Excellent
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visit, or other preventiv	ntns, nave you seen a medical provider re care?	тог a routine cnecк-up, weilness
O Yes		
○ No		
O If no, why not?		
Display This Question:		
If In the past 12 mon = Yes	ths, have you seen a medical provider for a	routine check-up, wellness visit, o
Q13 What kind of place all that apply.	e do you usually go to when you receive	preventive care? Please select
A docto	r's office or health center	
Urgent o	care center or clinic	
Hospital	I emergency room	
A VA m	edical center or clinic	
None of	these options	
Other (p	please specify)	
Display This Question: If In the past 12 mon = Yes	ths, have you seen a medical provider for a	routine check-up, wellness visit, o
Q14 During your last c	heck-up or wellness visit which routine s Please sele	screenings did you receive? ct "Yes" or "No"
	Yes	No

General physical exam	0	\circ
Obesity check (e.g., BMI)	0	0
Blood pressure	0	\circ
Oral health screening (e.g., teeth)	\circ	\circ
Cholesterol check	0	\circ
Eye check	0	0
Immunizations (e.g., chickenpox, shingles, flu, etc.)	0	0
Hearing check		0
Skin check (e.g., moles, lesions, or spots)	\circ	\circ
Depression screening	0	0
Breast exam or mammogram	0	0
Prostate exam or PSA test	0	\circ
Colon cancer exam or colonoscopy	\circ	\circ
Pelvic exam	0	0
Testicular exam	0	0
Cervical cancer exam or pap smear		\circ
Bone density exam		

None of the above	\circ	\circ
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Q15 what typ	be of nealth insurance coverage do you have? Please select all that apply.
private pla	Private health insurance (e.g., through your employer, union, family member, or an)
Indian hea	Public health insurance (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, VA services, Tricare, CHIP, or alth services)
	Uninsured (i.e., no health insurance coverage)
	Other (please specify)
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Q16 Please tell us your level of agreement with each of these sentences about your County:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I have access to good health care.	0	0	0	0	0
I am satisfied with the medical care I receive.	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
I am able to afford medical care when needed.	0	0	0	0	0
I am able to afford medications when needed.	0	0	0	0	0
I am able to get medical care when I need it.	0	0	\circ	0	0
I am able to see specialists when needed.	0	0	\circ	\circ	0
I am able to see my primary care doctor when needed.	0	0	0	0	0
I am able to get mental health care when needed.	0	0	0	\circ	0
I have access to a walk-in clinic or urgent care.	0	0	0	0	0

Q17 What m	nedical services or	specialties woul	d you like to see	offered in your a	rea?
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Q18 Please tell us about high-speed internet access in your nome.
O I do not have access to high-speed internet at home.
I have high-speed internet at home, but would prefer not to use it for telehealth medical appointments.
I have high-speed internet at home, but need more information before deciding about receiving medical care via telehealth.
I have high-speed internet at home, and would be comfortable attending a telehealth medical appointment this way. (Please tell us what kind of device you would prefer to use to connect with a provider.)
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Q19 Within the past 12 months we worried whether our food would run out before we got money to buy more.
Often true
O Never true
Q20 Within the past 12 months the food we bought just didn't last and we didn't have money to get more.
Often true
O Never true
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Q21 Are you a senior citizen? (For the purpose of this question, age 55 or older.)
○ Yes
○ No
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Display This Question: If Are you a senior citizen? (For the purpose of this question, age 55 or older.) = Yes
Q22 Are you a caregiver for grandchildren, great-grandchildren, or others to whom you are not a biological parent?
○ Yes
○ No
Display This Question:
If Are you a senior citizen? (For the purpose of this question, age 55 or older.) = Yes
Q23 What is the best way for you to receive information about community resources that are available to you or your family? (Examples: Facebook, newspaper or radio, from your child's school, etc.)
Display This Question: If Are you a senior citizen? (For the purpose of this question, age 55 or older.) = Yes
Q24 What resources do you need that you do not have? Your answer can be about your own needs or those of someone that you care for. (Examples: transportation, food, school or medical supplies.)

Q25 How often do you smoke cigarettes?
O Every day
○ Some days
O Not at all
Q26 During the past month, how many days per week did you have at least one alcoholic beverage? (A beer, a glass of wine, or a mixed drink with a shot of liquor.)
O 1 day per week
O 2 days per week
○ 3 days per week
O 4 days per week
○ 5 days per week
○ 6 days per week
○ 7 days per week
O None

gardening, walking, or something else?
O 1 day per week
O 2 days per week
○ 3 days per week
O 4 days per week
○ 5 days per week
○ 6 days per week
○ 7 days per week
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Q27 During the past month, how many days per week did you get exercise from running,

Q28 On average, how many hours of sleep do you get in a 24-hour period? 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 101112131415161718192021222324

	Hours of sleep			
Q29 About how much do you weigh in pounds? 0 50 100 150 200 250				300 350 400 450 500
Weight in pounds				
X→				
Q30 About how tall are	you in feet and inches?			
	Feet		Inches	
				1/2 in
Height	▼ 2 ft 8 ft	•	7 0 in 11 in	
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Q31 What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate?		
○ Male		
○ Female		
Q32 How do you describe yourself? (check one)		
○ Male		
○ Female		
○ Transgender		
O Do not identify as male, female, or transgender		
Q33 What is the highest level of education you have completed?		
O Less than high school graduate		
O High school diploma or equivalent (GED)		
Some college or certification		
Technical or vocational degree/certification		
Associate degree		
Bachelor's degree or higher (includes any advanced degrees)		

34 What is your marital status?
○ Single
Married or in a domestic partnership
ODivorced
O Never married
○ Separated
○ Widowed
Other (please specify)
35 How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? Please enter a whole umber even if you are not the biological parent of the children living in your home. If none, ease enter a "0".
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Q36 Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?			
○ Yes, Hispanic or Latino			
○ No, not Hispanic or Latino			
Q37 Which of	these groups best describes your race? Please select all that apply.		
	White/Caucasian		
	Asian		
	Black or African American		
	American Indian or Alaskan Native		
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
	Other (please specify)		

Q38 What is your estimated yearly household income?
O Less than \$20,000
○ \$20,000 to \$29,999
○ \$30,000 to \$49,999
○ \$50,000 to \$74,999
○ \$75,000 to \$99,999
○ More than \$100,000
O Prefer not to answer
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Q39 Is there anything else you would like to say about health in your community?		
End of Block: Default Question Block		

Q1 - Thank you for taking this Community Health Survey - your thoughts are important to us and will benefit the people who live in your County. Wetzel County Hospital is collecting this information for the first time, and will be using it to create programming to benefit the health of residents. Programs that come out of this data collection could include school-based programming, things geared toward senior citizens, and more. This survey is anonymous - your answers will not be connected to you in any way. Thank you for your time and please contact us if you have any questions or need help completing this survey. If you have recently completed this survey, there is no need to do so again. Please feel free to share this link with other members of your community. - Emily Sarkees, WVU Office of Health Affairs, edillama@hsc.wvu.edu In which county do you currently live?

	320 Ne3ponses
Field	Percentage
Wetzel County, WV	67.17%
Monroe County, OH	12.61%
Somewhere else	11.30%
Tyler County, WV	8.91%

(Question 2 asked "somewhere else" respondents to indicate their city/state. Most of these were from Marshall County.)

Q3 - What is your age?	
	920 Responses
Field	Percentage
18 to 29 years	12%
30 to 39 years	11%
40 to 49 years	16%
50 to 64 years	39%
65 years or older	20%

Q4 - How were you invited to complete this survey? - Selected Choice

901 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
MyChart online patient portal	43%
My employer	27%
Social media	22%
Friend or family member	6%
Public school, library, or other community organization	4%
Other	2%

Q5 - How would you rate your county as a "healthy community"?

Field	Percentage
Very Unhealthy	7.64%
Unhealthy	23.83%
Somewhat Unhealthy	30.90%
Somewhat Healthy	31.47%
Healthy	5.70%
Very Healthy	0.46%



Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	66%
Obesity	45%
Cancers	35%
Diabetes ("sugar")	27%
Mental health problems	26%
Heart problems	17%
COVID-19	14%
Aging problems	14%
High blood pressure	10%
Depression/hopelessness	10%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	10%
Chronic disease	9%
Anxiety	6%
Dental problems	5%
Other	2%

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	53%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	38%
Poverty	32%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	26%
Limited access to public transportation	20%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	18%
Limited job opportunities	15%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	15%
Water/air quality	15%
Limited affordable/quality housing	15%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	14%
Limited social services or programs	12%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	11%
Homelessness	7%
Other	4%

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	80%
Lack of exercise	34%
Unhealthy eating choices	33%
Excessive alcohol use	33%
Child abuse and neglect	33%
Tobacco	18%
Overeating	15%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	10%
Domestic violence	9%
Vaping	8%
Not getting recommended immunizations	8%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	7%
Crime	6%
Gambling	3%
Other	1%

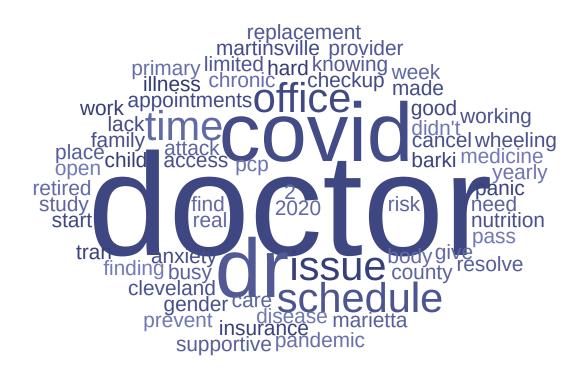


Q11 - In general, how would you describe your health?	
	761 Responses
Field	Percentage
Excellent	8%
Good	55%
Fair	29%
Poor	7%
Very Poor	1%

Q12 - In the past 12 months, have you seen a medical provider for a routine check-up, wellness visit, or other preventive care? - Selected Choice

	731 Responses
Field	Percentage
Yes	92.48%
If no, why not?	3.42%
No	4.10%

Q12_2_TEXT - If no, why not? - Text



Q13 - What kind of place do you usually go to when you receive preventive care? Please select all that apply. - Selected Choice

Selected Choice		
		Responses
Field	Percentage of	f Responses
A doctor's office or health center		97%
Urgent care center or clinic		15%
Hospital emergency room		6%
A VA medical center or clinic		1%
Other (please specify)		2%
None of these options		0%
Q14#1 - Please select "Yes" or "No"	500	Responses
Field	Yes	No
General physical exam	93.14%	6.86%
Obesity check (e.g., BMI)	61.17%	38.83%
Blood pressure	98.24%	1.76%
Oral health screening (e.g., teeth)	41.65%	58.35%
Cholesterol check	81.94%	18.06%
Eye check	46.39%	53.61%
Immunizations (e.g., chickenpox, shingles, flu, etc.)	59.41%	40.59%
Hearing check	13.87%	86.13%
Skin check (e.g., moles, lesions, or spots)	33.83%	66.17%
Depression screening	45.89%	54.11%
Breast exam or mammogram	44.50%	55.50%
Prostate exam or PSA test	15.09%	84.91%
Colon cancer exam or colonoscopy	20.05%	79.95%
Pelvic exam	31.28%	68.72%

Testicular exam	5.26%	94.74%
Cervical cancer exam or pap smear	31.52%	68.48%
Bone density exam	16.28%	83.72%
None of the above	7.62%	92.38%

Q15 - What type of health insurance coverage do you have? Please select all that apply. - Selected Choice

721	Responses
121	rresponses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Private health insurance (e.g., through your employer, union, family member, or private plan)	73%
Public health insurance (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, VA services, Tricare, CHIP, or Indian health services)	33%
Other (please specify)	3%
Uninsured (i.e., no health insurance coverage)	3%

Q15_7_TEXT - Other (please specify) - Text



Q16 - Please tell us your level of agreement with each of these sentences about y...

, , ,			,	702	2 Responses
Field	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I have access to good health care.	28.61%	44.92%	8.58%	12.30%	5.58%
I am satisfied with the medical care I receive.	32.42%	46.02%	8.68%	9.26%	3.62%
I am able to afford medical care when needed.	34.58%	38.47%	10.09%	9.51%	7.35%
I am able to afford medications when needed.	41.01%	38.99%	7.25%	7.83%	4.93%
I am able to get medical care when I need it.	41.13%	38.95%	7.41%	8.43%	4.07%
I am able to see specialists when needed.	35.65%	38.55%	9.13%	9.86%	6.81%
I am able to see my primary care doctor when needed.	51.16%	34.06%	6.09%	5.22%	3.48%
I am able to get mental health care when needed.	25.55%	24.96%	31.28%	9.40%	8.81%
I have access to a walk-in clinic or urgent care.	54.36%	31.10%	5.52%	4.22%	4.80%



Q18 - Please tell us about high-speed internet access in your home. - Selected Choice

Field

Percentage

I do not have access to high-speed internet at home.

15.27%

I have high-speed internet at home, but would prefer not to use it for telehealth medical appointments.

24.82%

I have high-speed internet at home, and would be comfortable attending a telehealth medical appointment this way. (Please tell us what kind of device you would prefer to use to connect with a provider.)

I have high-speed internet at home, but need more information before deciding about receiving medical care via telehealth.

Q18_3_TEXT - I have high-speed internet at home, and would be comfortable attending a telehealth medical appointment this way. (Please tell us what kind of device you would prefer to use to connect with a provider.) - Text 101 Responses



Q19 - Within the past 12 months we worried whether our food would run out before we got money to buy more.

684 Responses

Field	Percentage
Often true	12%
Never true	88%

Q20 - Within the past 12 months the food we bought just didn't last and we didn't have money to get more.

Field	Percentage
Often true	9.49%
Never true	90.51%

51%

Q21 - Are you a senior citizen? (For the purpose of this question, age 55 or older.)

No

Field	Percentage
Yes	49%

Q22 - Are you a caregiver for grandchildren, great-grandchildren, or others to whom you are not a biological parent?

320 Responses

Field	Percentage
Yes	15.63%
No	84.38%

Q23 - What is the best way for you to receive information about community resources that are available to you or your family? (Examples: Facebook, newspaper or radio, from your child's school, etc.)



Q24 - What resources do you need that you do not have? Your answer can be about your own needs or those of someone that you care for. (Examples: transportation, food, school or medical supplies.)

148 Responses



Q25 - How often do you smoke cigarettes? 670 Responses Field Choice Count Every day 51 Some days Not at all 594

Q26 - During the past month, how many days per week did you have at least one alcoholic beverage? (A beer, a glass of wine, or a mixed drink with a shot of liquor.)

	672 Responses
Field	Percentage
1 day per week	17.41%
2 days per week	5.06%
3 days per week	2.38%
4 days per week	1.19%
5 days per week	1.64%
6 days per week	0.45%
7 days per week	1.34%
None	70.54%

Q27 - During the past month, how many days per week did you get exercise from running, gardening, walking, or something else?

671 Responses Field Percentage 1 day per week 15.80% 2 days per week 14.61% 16.69% 3 days per week 8.94% 4 days per week 5 days per week 13.41% 6 days per week 4.62% 7 days per week 9.54% None 16.39%

Q28_1 - Hours of sleep

Field	Percentage
0	0.61%
3	0.31%
4	3.22%
5	11.79%
6	28.94%
7	30.78%
8	17.30%
9	4.13%
10	1.99%
12	0.31%
13	0.15%
15	0.15%
16	0.15%
17	0.15%

(The next two questions asked about height and weight, and were used in data analysis.)

031 -	What sex were	vou assigned at birth. on	your original birth certificate?

	654 Responses
Field	Percentage
Female	75.38%
Male	24.62%

Q32 - How do you describe yourself? (check one)

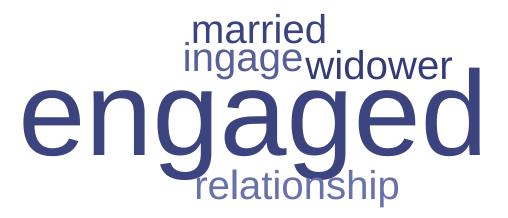
	654 Responses
Field	Percentage
Male	24.62%
Female	74.77%
Transgender	0.31%
Do not identify as male, female, or transgender	0.31%

Q33 - What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	655 Responses
Field	Percentage
Bachelor's degree or higher (includes any advanced degrees)	41%
Some college or certification	18%
High school diploma or equivalent (GED)	18%
Associate degree	16%
Technical or vocational degree/certification	6%
Less than high school graduate	1%

Q34 - What is your marital status? - Selected Choice

	652 Responses
Field	Percentage
Married or in a domestic partnership	68.40%
Single	13.96%
Divorced	9.05%
Widowed	5.37%
Never married	1.23%
Other (please specify)	1.07%
Separated	0.92%
Q34_6_TEXT - Other (please specify) - Text	



Q35 - How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? Please enter a whole number even if you are not the biological parent of the children living in your home. If none, please enter a "0".

	635 Responses
Field	Percentage
0	70.55%
1	13.07%
2	10.39%
3	4.09%
4	1.73%
5	0.16%

Q36 - Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

643 Responses

Field	Percentage
Yes, Hispanic or Latino	0.31%
No, not Hispanic or Latino	99.69%

Q37 - Which of these groups best describes your race? Please select all that apply. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
White/Caucasian	99%
Asian	0%
Black or African American	0%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
Other (please specify)	1%



Q38 - What is v	our estimated v	vearly househol	d income?
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	641 Responses
Field	Percentage
Less than \$20,000	8.11%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	9.67%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	18.25%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18.88%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16.69%
More than \$100,000	17.16%
Prefer not to answer	11.23%

Responses to Q36: Is there anything else you would like to say about health in your cou

I feel an urgent care would be great in Monroe County, Ohio.

more transportation for seniors would be a great help in our rural area

we need more family centered health activities.

My poor health is due to my life choices. What I need is motivation to change and help with doing so.

Really need more facilities and follow up for those with drug addiction and mental health issues

so many children have "mountain dew mouth", it's not healthy.

No, thank you.

We need access to hospital. Worried that they will close, due to nursing shortage.

there are many individuals who suffer from drug/alcohol abuse in this area. A local rehab facility would help the community

need more doctors

Healthy living should start at home, however since many people in the area don't know how to live have a healthy lifestyle, we should be educating children early on.

I travel to Wheeling for primary care. Wheeling or out of state for specialists and surgery

There needs to be more programs for teens and young adults.

Drug Addiction is major issue concerning my hometown

I wish people would get their vaccines! I appreciate the ones who have worked to save people during the Our community is suffering with mental health issues. Long wait lists, lack of insurance and transportation makes receiving these necessary services very difficult.

We need to have more focus on mental health and nutrition.

It would be nice if the health care providers in my area would call patients back when they are seeking medical assistance that is not life threatening. That way they do not have to go to the hospital and waste money.

The fact that "assigned at birth" is on this survey makes me question the mental health of the service providers. Overall health is going downhill due to aging or drug abuse.

I see a lot of very overweight people who could use some help on their diets.

substance abuse, poverty, lack of jobs, a hospital that doesn't offer as much as in the past, life flight services were recently take away from Wetzel County Hospital

Need more Mental Health and Drug Rehab services

More offered in the Hundred area.

The medical care in this area is sub-par. Primary care physicians often do not have a readily available list of Specialist. Most referrals take 3 or more months. Specialist rely to heavily upon nurse practitioners. Leaving the patient with additional cost and visits. Policies should require nurse practitioners to identify as such and charges should not be on the level of a specialist. The primary care physician should be enough of a screen to require the attention of a specialist. Policies need addressed with patient privacy and diligent safeguards for all digital records. Patients should be aware of the location of third party servers who hold such information.

We have a large number of special needs children that have to travel hours to see physicians.

I would like to know that doctor's are staying up on cutting edge technology and the new

You can have insurance but still can't afford to get blood work and such done because co-pays are so high and out of pocket is unbelievable. :(

Access has improved since Wetzel County Hospital became part of WVU Health. I would like to have obstetricianist at Wetzel County Hospital again. Also like that we have more access to specialists without the need to travel to Wheeling, Parkersburg, Morgantown and Marietta.

Have difficult seeing specialist for your child or getting appointments set for additional testing.

It is abysmal

People need to be more active. A body in motion stays in motion

I very much appreciate the services offered at Wetzel County Hospital. I appreciate that I don't have to drive to Wheeing just for lab work or mammograms. I also love my PCP, Dr. Amanda Nichols.

Would love to have a place and a doctor in my community to go to. I have to travel for 45 minutes or longer to receive any care.

Please help those in our community who are in poverty with children. Also those with drug/alcohol abuse

This survey will not get to those that truly need it

Need mental help group meeting

The issues are mainly those of personal choice

People choose their health mostly

many senior citizens that are not working do have a problem with cost of food, medication, and transportation and home health care, because it is so costly to have someone to come into your home and stay with you any amount of hours for health and nutritional and daily care. the ones that work are lucky as we have additional income but many do not I can afford health care and medicine and food as I work but many of the elerldy in our community don't have that extra income or the good health

WE NEED DOCTORS THAT ACTUALLY CARE AND TAKE TIME TO TREAT PROPERLY

Stop chasing off our good health care workers

Lots of health issues. Tackle one war at a time and once conquered then move on or try to get other groups formed to combat these different issues.

Prices to high for the elderly...meds,etc. plus too far to travel for therapy and specialists

We do not have access to healthy food at an affordable price.

if someone has chronic pain, they should not be treated like a drug addict.

The community is more concerned about treating health problems than preventing them. I believe some doctors in the area would rather treat patients than help prevent health problems.

Drugs, Obesity, and Mental Health are most definitely the top health issues in my county.

Our community would benefit from community health events

Not that I can think of.

If big hospitals are taking over please remember just because we live in a smaller community doesn't mean we don't deserve great care. Downsizing staff and having mediocre staff sometimes does not help your cause or Our community is not equipped for disabled, or differently abled people to work, be educated, or have transportation. However we continue to grow our police forces, our armory, and think this will solve all problems. Authority is not the answer to everything and we need to learn this lesson. As a community we can come together to help each other, or stay divided and continue to lose our town.

Wetzel county hospital is known as a bandaid station. Wait times are ridiculous. Get them some help or a more friendly staff in the E.R. if they dont like the job then they should not be there.

We don't have access or can't afford a healthy life

Need more illegal drug control and education

people need vaccinations

WE NEED MORE TO DO PHYSICALLY

I wish medication and basic Healthcare was more affordable for more people

Its hard to find a family doctor when they run a check to see if you owe medical bills and deny you until its paid. We also shouldnt have to wait 3-4 days for an appointment at an urgent care place.

I would like to see improvement

Long wait time to get to see Dr!

Drugs, obesity, mental health

We need more services and better

Most of my friends and coworkers have high blood pressure and are at least 15 pounds or more overweight

It's sad

There is a definite deficit of accessible healthcare in my community. Especially emergency services.

We need marijuana legalized without needing a card.

Need better doctors and more specialists

My household is not the typical household in this county. Large county mostly rural and the residents need more access and education to health and wellness from transportation, education to means to achieve goals. Most lack health literacy. We need someone hint to educate and engage people to help them to change behaviors and creat new habits.

We need more pcp's.

Needs improvement

Dr appointment should be easier to get and not have to wait months, also need more support for grandparents raising grandkids.

We have some beautiful pictures arms, but the drug problem can make it an issue to utilize. We need a center for inclement weather activity that could include a walking track, court, etc.

On the average I feel our community has very poor health.

doctors do not seem to stay in the area. Why can we not retain good doctors

Drug abuse

I wish businesses would require masks to enter and that health care workers be vaccinated

Fortunate to have a hospital in our small community

I'm having trouble getting a sleep study for apnea, a colonoscopy, and finding a urologist

Wetzel needs resources to help our elderly

Kinda sucks

Need more help with depression

I believe nutritional deficiencies are the root cause of all disease and should be addressed before prescribing any medications to people. The drug epidemic in this area is heartbreaking and there is sound medical evidence proving that nutritional deficiencies lead to poor mental health and drug use.

Very serious drug problems

We have NP's that are very good at their jobs but virtually no access to MD's in our county. We have to travel to get an appointment with an MD.

Obesity is a real problem in our adults and young people.

Our local hospital and ems is extremely unreliable

We need an exercise facility

Education is the key to improvement in all areas.

A fully functioning hospital with more Drs than administrative staff would be awesome. A hospital that actually delivered babies.

something needs to change for the children of the community

Get more doctors and deal with the drug problem

It would be better in providers and healthcare were paid better, treated better, and allowed to do the job they wish to do without fear of termination because of personal, religious, and professional beliefs.

Better health education for the elderly in this area. They would rather die than go to the doctors and refuse to take prescribed medication

i'm happy that wvu medicine has merged with many of our local hospitals.

Yes, I wish WVU was prioritizing healthcare rather than profit.

Healthcare is too much of a business, run by business men.

major concern for uninsured younger adults for dental and vision care

This really needs sent me for Marshall and Ohio county as I do not go to wetzel county hospital since my wife retired from the 5 years ago. I on,y attended the bi yearly health fairs

We have a number of very hardworking professionals and support personnel working in our area.

Everyone is doing there best and I think it would be better with more resources

Needs to change because the area has become unsafe.

Need more dpcptores of all types. Emergency medical personnel Hospital for criminal patient. Drs that listen to the patient even though we are older, we still like to live.

Thank you

The kids need a playground in my town

Some community weigh in groups that done charge and offer better healthy living options

Nope

No support for seniors, no mels on wheels any longer

Poverty, drugs, no jobs, are killing our community.

Currentlt in LTC after fx hip. Has Parkinson's. See neurologist in Stark County

Poverty, drug and alcohol abuse and obesity are major community problems

It needs help.

It seems like all we do is program nurses and doctors to enter info in a computer and attempt to discover any issues with patients. They are always very hurried trying to do all the tasks required of them. It is sad. The stress level for them has to be high. That is reflected in the patient/physician/nurse relationship. Things get More needs done about the drug problem

Drugs and addiction have severely impacted community health

We need more reliable doctors,

We need more activities that promote health and wellness

I have had many negative experiences with Wetzel County Hospital which is a shame - sure hope it improves. I am a caregiver for parents and spouse which I travel to Morgantown for all three.

Crack down on illegal drug users

Please try to provide more programs for drug and alcohol abuse and mental health

Medication shouldn't unaffordable. Mental health should more care of. Drug/alcohol needs to cut down. Hospitals and insurance companies need to stop making money off of patients who are sick. Charge enough money to keep the flow of workers and products needed consistent and no more. Also actually pay your staff what they deserve and we wouldn't be having staffing issues. Stop keeping all the money to the high corporate I think we need to do a better job at educating on health issues in schools, community events, medical

Fix the roads! Accidents caused by bad roads injure too many.

Wetzel County used to have premier services for a small hospital. That is no longer the case. Wheeling and New Martinsville are both having a serious management problem

No PCP's that I would see

We need cheaper health care.

Hospital needs to do better...

We have to travel an hour any direction for good health care or testing.

We need heathier restaraunts

I just believe that we can work to utilize available healthcare professionals to help our area. Qualified pharmacists I know are doing great things working together to see patients in doctors offices, specialists are starting to split some time to see patients in other areas. Telehealth can be great for younger patients who need to see specialists that may work out of Morgantown, Wheeling, or other WVU hospitals to help improve access Wetzel County, excellent services

I feel WVU Medicine is moving towards a monopoly and as West Virginians will only be refered to a specialist within the system. Not the best fit but a Dr. with WVU Medicine. It has more concern over keeping the money within WVU Medicine than the well being with the patient

My back hurts all time

Need education.

Need to eat healthier foods

Obesity is a big problem

I hope it helps!

Drug abuse is a huge issue in the community. Personally, my issue is with access to clean water and obesity. Drug abuse must be stopped. I believe mental health is also declining in our area.

Sardis, Ohio would be an excellent place for a doctor's office as it would serve the riverfront communities of

Monroe County & even part of Washington.

I wish people would be respectful to others, and not send your children to school and/or go to work and out in public (restaurants, stores) when they are ill.

Better ER, better pediatrician.

Good health here is not a priority until something happens that your health is seriously threatened.

I feel like it's not a priority and we are surrounded by unhealthy options

Elderly/ access to proper care providers or transport services

We need better access to dentist and mental health in this community

Need better Senior Services

Wetzel county hospital is overloaded.

It is there if you want to take advantage of it. Drugs/alcohol is a problem.

Nope

The elderly need help in all aspects with health care and medicine

Advanced Filter Male

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	57%
Obesity	48%
Cancers	34%
Diabetes ("sugar")	32%
Heart problems	23%
Aging problems	21%
Mental health problems	16%
COVID-19	15%
High blood pressure	13%
Chronic disease	11%
Depression/hopelessness	9%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	8%
Anxiety	6%
Dental problems	3%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter Male

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

160 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	60%
Poverty	38%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	33%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	28%
Limited job opportunities	21%
Water/air quality	17%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	16%
Limited access to public transportation	13%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	12%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	12%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	11%
Limited social services or programs	9%
Limited affordable/quality housing	9%
Homelessness	8%
Other	6%

Advanced Filter Male

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	78%
Lack of exercise	40%
Unhealthy eating choices	34%
Excessive alcohol use	30%
Child abuse and neglect	29%
Tobacco	22%
Overeating	18%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	11%
Not getting recommended immunizations	9%
Crime	8%
Vaping	6%
Domestic violence	6%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	4%
Gambling	3%
Other	1%

Advanced Filter Female

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

FIEID	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	70%
Obesity	47%
Cancers	34%
Mental health problems	29%
Diabetes ("sugar")	26%
Heart problems	15%
COVID-19	13%
Aging problems	13%
Depression/hopelessness	10%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	10%
Chronic disease	9%
High blood pressure	8%
Anxiety	6%
Dental problems	4%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter Female

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

490 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	49%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	41%
Poverty	30%
Limited access to public transportation	24%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	22%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	18%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	17%
Limited affordable/quality housing	17%
Water/air quality	15%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	15%
Limited job opportunities	14%
Limited social services or programs	13%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	11%
Homelessness	6%
Other	4%

Advanced Filter Female

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	83%
Child abuse and neglect	35%
Unhealthy eating choices	34%
Excessive alcohol use	32%
Lack of exercise	32%
Tobacco	17%
Overeating	13%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	10%
Domestic violence	10%
Vaping	8%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	8%
Not getting recommended immunizations	7%
Crime	5%
Gambling	3%
Other	1%

Advanced Filter White Only

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	67%
Obesity	48%
Cancers	34%
Diabetes ("sugar")	28%
Mental health problems	26%
Heart problems	17%
Aging problems	15%
COVID-19	13%
Depression/hopelessness	10%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	10%
Chronic disease	9%
High blood pressure	9%
Anxiety	6%
Dental problems	4%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter White Only

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice 633 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	52%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	37%
Poverty	32%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	25%
Limited access to public transportation	20%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	17%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	16%
Water/air quality	16%
Limited job opportunities	16%
Limited affordable/quality housing	15%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	15%
Limited social services or programs	12%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	12%
Homelessness	6%
Other	4%

Advanced Filter White Only

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	82%
Unhealthy eating choices	34%
Child abuse and neglect	34%
Lack of exercise	34%
Excessive alcohol use	31%
Tobacco	18%
Overeating	15%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	10%
Domestic violence	9%
Vaping	8%
Not getting recommended immunizations	7%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	7%
Crime	6%
Gambling	3%
Other	1%

Advanced Filter Non-White

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	59%
Obesity	43%
Diabetes ("sugar")	34%
Cancers	32%
Aging problems	30%
COVID-19	25%
Heart problems	16%
High blood pressure	14%
Mental health problems	13%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	8%
Chronic disease	8%
Depression/hopelessness	7%
Dental problems	4%
Other	2%
Anxiety	1%

Advanced Filter Non-White

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

143 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	55%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	38%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	31%
Poverty	28%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	24%
Limited access to public transportation	22%
Limited job opportunities	14%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	13%
Limited social services or programs	13%
Water/air quality	12%
Limited affordable/quality housing	11%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	10%
Homelessness	10%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	10%
Other	3%

Advanced Filter Non-White

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Choices
Drug use	25.45%
Excessive alcohol use	14.03%
Lack of exercise	11.69%
Unhealthy eating choices	9.61%
Child abuse and neglect	9.35%
Overeating	5.19%
Tobacco	4.94%
Vaping	3.64%
Not getting recommended immunizations	3.64%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	3.64%
Crime	2.60%
Domestic violence	2.08%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	2.08%
Gambling	1.30%
Other	0.78%

Advanced Filter Less than 65 years

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	66%
Obesity	45%
Cancers	35%
Diabetes ("sugar")	27%
Mental health problems	26%
Heart problems	17%
COVID-19	14%
Aging problems	14%
High blood pressure	10%
Depression/hopelessness	10%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	10%
Chronic disease	9%
Anxiety	6%
Dental problems	5%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter Less than 65 years

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice 616 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	51%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	39%
Poverty	34%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	25%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	19%
Limited access to public transportation	18%
Water/air quality	16%
Limited affordable/quality housing	16%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	15%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	15%
Limited job opportunities	14%
Limited social services or programs	12%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	11%
Homelessness	7%
Other	4%

Advanced Filter Less than 65 years

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	81%
Excessive alcohol use	35%
Child abuse and neglect	33%
Unhealthy eating choices	33%
Lack of exercise	33%
Tobacco	18%
Overeating	14%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	10%
Domestic violence	8%
Vaping	8%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	7%
Not getting recommended immunizations	7%
Crime	6%
Gambling	3%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter 65 years or older

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	59%
Obesity	43%
Diabetes ("sugar")	34%
Cancers	32%
Aging problems	30%
COVID-19	25%
Heart problems	16%
High blood pressure	14%
Mental health problems	13%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	8%
Chronic disease	8%
Depression/hopelessness	7%
Dental problems	4%
Other	2%
Anxiety	1%

Advanced Filter 65 years or older

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

160 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	59%
Limited access to public transportation	31%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	30%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	29%
Poverty	23%
Limited job opportunities	21%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	18%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	14%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	13%
Limited social services or programs	12%
Water/air quality	12%
Limited affordable/quality housing	11%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	10%
Homelessness	6%
Other	4%

Advanced Filter 65 years or older

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	77%
Lack of exercise	38%
Unhealthy eating choices	32%
Child abuse and neglect	30%
Excessive alcohol use	27%
Overeating	20%
Tobacco	17%
Not getting recommended immunizations	12%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	12%
Vaping	10%
Domestic violence	9%
Crime	6%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	3%
Gambling	1%
Other	1%

Advanced Filter Income Less than \$30k

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	64%
Obesity	43%
Cancers	32%
Mental health problems	26%
Diabetes ("sugar")	24%
Aging problems	17%
Heart problems	16%
COVID-19	13%
Depression/hopelessness	13%
Chronic disease	11%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	11%
Anxiety	9%
Dental problems	9%
High blood pressure	7%
Other	1%

Advanced Filter Income Less than \$30k

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

113 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	52%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	36%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	31%
Limited affordable/quality housing	27%
Poverty	26%
Limited access to public transportation	19%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	16%
Water/air quality	16%
Limited job opportunities	15%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	13%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	13%
Homelessness	11%
Limited social services or programs	9%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	9%
Other	0%

Advanced Filter Income Less than \$30k

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	77%
Excessive alcohol use	36%
Child abuse and neglect	29%
Unhealthy eating choices	27%
Lack of exercise	25%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	19%
Tobacco	17%
Domestic violence	14%
Overeating	12%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	11%
Vaping	9%
Crime	9%
Not getting recommended immunizations	7%
Gambling	6%
Other	0%

Advanced Filter Income More than \$75k

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

FIEID	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	65%
Obesity	53%
Cancers	37%
Diabetes ("sugar")	29%
Mental health problems	21%
Aging problems	17%
Heart problems	16%
COVID-19	14%
Chronic disease	11%
High blood pressure	9%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	9%
Depression/hopelessness	8%
Anxiety	4%
Other	2%
Dental problems	2%

Advanced Filter Income More than \$75k

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice 286 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	50%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	38%
Poverty	35%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	22%
Limited access to public transportation	21%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	19%
Limited job opportunities	18%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	17%
Water/air quality	17%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	16%
Limited social services or programs	14%
Limited affordable/quality housing	13%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	9%
Homelessness	5%
Other	4%

Advanced Filter Income More than \$75k

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	83%
Lack of exercise	35%
Excessive alcohol use	34%
Unhealthy eating choices	34%
Child abuse and neglect	33%
Tobacco	21%
Overeating	18%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	8%
Not getting recommended immunizations	8%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	6%
Vaping	6%
Domestic violence	6%
Crime	5%
Gambling	2%
Other	0%

Advanced Filter Education Less than a Bachelors Degree

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	66%
Obesity	45%
Cancers	35%
Diabetes ("sugar")	27%
Mental health problems	26%
Heart problems	17%
COVID-19	14%
Aging problems	14%
High blood pressure	10%
Depression/hopelessness	10%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	10%
Chronic disease	9%
Anxiety	6%
Dental problems	5%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter Education Less than a Bachelors Degree

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice 505 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	58%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	38%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	30%
Poverty	27%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	19%
Limited access to public transportation	19%
Water/air quality	16%
Limited affordable/quality housing	16%
Limited social services or programs	13%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	13%
Limited job opportunities	13%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	13%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	10%
Homelessness	8%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter Education Less than a Bachelors Degree

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	80%
Excessive alcohol use	37%
Unhealthy eating choices	31%
Child abuse and neglect	31%
Lack of exercise	29%
Tobacco	16%
Overeating	15%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	12%
Not getting recommended immunizations	9%
Vaping	9%
Domestic violence	9%
Crime	8%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	7%
Gambling	4%
Other	1%

Advanced Filter Education Bachelor Degree or Higher

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	69%
Obesity	55%
Mental health problems	29%
Diabetes ("sugar")	28%
Cancers	27%
Aging problems	19%
Heart problems	14%
COVID-19	12%
Depression/hopelessness	11%
Chronic disease	11%
High blood pressure	7%
Anxiety	5%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	5%
Other	3%
Dental problems	3%

Advanced Filter Education Bachelor Degree or Higher

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

271 Responses

Field Percentage of Responses Cost of health care and/or medications 43% 41% Poverty Limited organized activities for children and teens 36% Limited access to public transportation 24% Limited job opportunities 20% 20% Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc. Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage 18% 17% Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids 16% Water/air quality 14% Chronic loneliness or isolation 13% 13% Limited affordable/quality housing Limited social services or programs 10% Other 7% Homelessness 4%

Advanced Filter Education Bachelor Degree or Higher

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	81%
Lack of exercise	42%
Unhealthy eating choices	37%
Child abuse and neglect	37%
Excessive alcohol use	27%
Tobacco	20%
Overeating	15%
Domestic violence	8%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	8%
Vaping	8%
Not getting recommended immunizations	6%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	5%
Crime	3%
Other	2%
Gambling	1%

Advanced Filter Children in Home - Yes

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	72%
Obesity	46%
Mental health problems	38%
Cancers	35%
Diabetes ("sugar")	19%
Heart problems	16%
Depression/hopelessness	12%
COVID-19	11%
High blood pressure	9%
Chronic disease	8%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	8%
Anxiety	7%
Aging problems	7%
Dental problems	5%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter Children in Home - Yes

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice 186 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Limited organized activities for children and teens	52%
Cost of health care and/or medications	42%
Poverty	38%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	22%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	20%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	19%
Limited access to public transportation	17%
Limited affordable/quality housing	17%
Water/air quality	15%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	14%
Limited job opportunities	13%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	9%
Limited social services or programs	9%
Homelessness	7%
Other	3%

Advanced Filter Children in Home - Yes

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	84%
Child abuse and neglect	36%
Unhealthy eating choices	36%
Excessive alcohol use	32%
Lack of exercise	32%
Tobacco	19%
Vaping	13%
Overeating	11%
Domestic violence	11%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	6%
Not getting recommended immunizations	5%
Crime	4%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	4%
Other	2%
Gambling	2%

Advanced Filter Children in Home - No

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	65%
Obesity	48%
Cancers	34%
Diabetes ("sugar")	31%
Mental health problems	21%
Heart problems	18%
Aging problems	18%
COVID-19	15%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	10%
Chronic disease	10%
Depression/hopelessness	9%
High blood pressure	9%
Anxiety	5%
Dental problems	3%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter Children in Home - No

Q8 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

446 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	56%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	32%
Poverty	29%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	26%
Limited access to public transportation	22%
Limited job opportunities	17%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	16%
Water/air quality	16%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	15%
Limited affordable/quality housing	15%
Limited social services or programs	13%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	12%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	12%
Homelessness	6%
Other	5%

Advanced Filter Children in Home - No

Q9 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? Please choose ONLY 3. - Selected Choice

446 Responses

Held	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	81%
Lack of exercise	35%
Unhealthy eating choices	34%
Child abuse and neglect	32%
Excessive alcohol use	30%
Tobacco	17%
Overeating	16%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	12%
Domestic violence	9%
Not getting recommended immunizations	8%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	8%
Crime	7%
Vaping	6%
Gambling	2%
Other	1%

Wetzel County Hospital - Wetzel County, WV

Census Estimates by County

Demographic	CHNA Responses	Monroe	Tyler	Wetzel
Men	24.6%	50.3%	50.4%	49.9%
Women	75.4%	49.7%	49.6%	51.1%
Age 65+	20.4%	24.1%	23.4%	23.2%
White alone	97.7%	97.6%	97.7%	97.8%
Non-white or 2+ races	3.3%	1.4%	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic or Latino	0.3%	0.8%	0.8%	1.1%
Households with high-speed internet	84.7%	65.4%	69.8%	71.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher, age 25+	41.4%	12.5%	14.1%	12.0%

Q17

What medical services or specialties would you like to see offered in your area?

Endocrinology, functional medicine, hyperbaric wound care

more primary care physicians, more specialists

Mental health

Opoid addiction and mental health

endocrinology, pulmonology,

endocrinologist,

Endocrinology

Mental health

Weight Watchers or similar programs, more free services for seniors

rapid care, OB/GYN, psych

I would like to see more localized pediatric care in the county be provided as most pediatric services are 30 to 90 minutes from the local area.

mental health, pediatric, cardiology, obgyn

Doctors who care and aren't focused on the bottom line

More drug addiction and mental health support organizations and treatment gynecology

urgent care. dialysis,

Endocrinology, Bariatrics,

Insurance that I choose where to go

endocrinologist, Rheumatologist, nutritionist

Pharmacy in Middlebourne

mental health clinic for children...

Mental health

Inpatient Mental health for teens and children

This area needs an endocrinologist. There are so many people with thyroid issues and diabetes it they have to travel to Wheeling or Belpre for a Dr

Drug and alcohol rehabilitation

drug addiction facility

Mental Health/Psych Services

urology, neurology, dermatology,

gynecology, gastroenterology

Specialities

group exercise programs like yoga or tai chi for older people

Mental health services, cardiology, pulmonology

urgent care

Primary care doctors. Mental Health care

I believe the basics are offered here, but not much in terms of specialist.

I travel out of the area for my medical needs.

Endochronologist

endocrinology, wound care

Weight loss and control

I have to leave the immediate area to see my doctors. There are not many options offered locally and those who are here are not able to accept new patients.

More mental health services. Having a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program would greatly benefit our local community and surrounding communities.

Eye doctors that accept medicaid. More dentists to accept medicaid. Dental exams as a requirement for children to contine to receive public assistance.

more mental health help that specializes in drug abuse and the trauma that occurs in the families and especially the children.

A person that calls you back with your test results in a timely manner.

Good Mental Healthcare

nutritionist

mental health facility for those under the age of 18

Mental health and rehab

I would like to see mor collobration with cleveland clinic on serious issues.

An emergency room that doesn't take hours to be seen when there is an emergency Mental Health

gynecology, psychiatric

More access to mental health services

Mental Health Screenings and Therapy

Labor and Delivery and more pediatric physician options

throat and Oral Cancer specialist. Skin Specialist.

pediatric physicians, women's health

more mental health

Drug Rehabilitation

I would like to be able to see real doctors and not just PAs.

urgent care availability 7 days a week. GI specialist

walk in clinic

Not sure

I don't currently have a need that I can't meet within a reasonable distance so I won't comment. I'm sure I'll need a specialist in the future for something.

More specialists without having to travel to wheeling or Morgantown

Mental Health that takes private insurance. In the past my family needed to travel 1-2 hours away for a mental health/therapists that take insurance other than government funded insurance such as Medicare.

Mobile mammograms where you can just walk in and get one.

Urgent cares are turning people away due to covid.

Drug Addiction Counseling in a residential facility. This was what Mid-Valley was in New Martinsville. It may still exist but it was a small facility. Drug are rampid in our area. In the last couple weeks we have seen at least 2 overdoses that led to death, one 28 female and one in her 30s. Our comunity needs help to battle this and to give them a safe place to get off the drugs with counseling and support.

Mental health care

A general doctor with hours that work for people who work full time. Something available past 5 o'clock.

Address drug/ alcohol abuse issues

I go to Wheeling Hospital for all specialists. Love Dr Amanda Nichols at Wetzel County. Heart, gynecologist, gi

a good podiatrist

Mental health

Anxiety/depression/mental illnesses

Local doctors qualified in most fields

Ear and Nose and Throat doctor

Dermatologist

we need more specialists so we do not have to travel to

wheeling/morgantown/clarksburg

We have very few choices. It would be awesome to be able to get a se one opinion rather than always having one provider.

Free dental care and mental health care drug abuse care

Gastro/liver.

Gynecological

ear, nose and throat, eye laser surgery.

CANCER DOCTOR, SKIN DOCTOR

Better mental health care

geriatrics

Mental health

The semi annual health fair provided some good numbers to cause conversation with PCP.

There needs to be more specialists so you don't have to waith 4 months to see one

Local access to specialist without travelig hours to see them

Cancer patients to get treatment in their county

more nutrition services/healthy eating plans

pain management someone that doesn't just suppose everyone is drug seeking, but has chronic pain that needs to be addressed

Mental health services/programs, pediatric options

More mental health or addiction services.

Urgent Care

urgent care,

A urgent care that isn't hours away from my home or extended hours for PCP. Weight loss clinic or rehab facility that has a pool.

Weight loss services

urgent care

More primary care physicians.

general medical services, laboratory and testing

free health screenings

Urgent Care - Dentist - Cardiovascular

Depends on your definition of area. Between here, Wheeling, Parkersburg Marietta, Columbus, Pittsburg and Cleveland, we have most of the services or specialties I can think of.

Mental health for children and adults we have nothing of quality or without a month waiting list

Nutritional education (Ex: food label reading)

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Obstetrics, L&D in wetzel county, more pediatricians

I don't know

OB/GYN

Endocrinologist

Better mental health and drug and alcohol care

Mobile unit outreach

Doctors and hospitals

better psychiatric and psychological services; including family & individual counseling

Rehab with mandatory stays for repeat patients. Medical marijuana dispensary.

An emergency room equipped to handle emergencies (e.g. life flight)

Urology. Endocrinology. More pediatric specialties.

ENT, Dermatology

Mental health

Endocrinologist

better information on what services are available here. i call wch and no one can tell me

Urgent Care Facility

TIME IT TAKES TO GET INTO A SPECIALIST

Mental Health and Doctors who deal with Transgender patients and procedures

Dental that accepts the wv medical card for over age 21

I travel to Salem for my pcp and Bridgeport, wv for hospital/ER/labs. There is nothing in Folsom, Smithfield, Reader.

I have to drive an hour or more just to get to specialist or to get to my mental health provider.

Additional express cares

Free health insurance and less medication costs

Cancer center

More choices for Dr.

Urology, mental health counseling

Respiratory

More available mental health care, for ongoing issues not just people at the end of their rope

Endocrinology

Drug and alcohol help

Knowledgeable Endocrinologist in thyroid

I am able to receive good medical because I travel to Morgantown to receive it. Those who live in my area with money/transportation issues do not have ready access to good medical care.

Free dental cleaning

Weight management

Diabetic medicine

More doctors

Rheumatology

Endocrinologist, Mental Health

Gynecologist

Nutritionist

Endocrinologist, pain management

Pulmonary urology

Wellness to include nutritional services and education

Mental health, weight loss, diabetic education

more specialties in general instead of traveling to them

Need more general or family practitioners

More in Pediatrics

Gynecology, endocrinology, more primary care doctors and not mid-level providers

Drug rehab and detox, more pediatrician, mental health with counseling

affordable gyms for 65+ years old

I am satisfied with the improvements that have been made.

Transportation to get to Visits

Gyms

I don't know

My experience with Mental Health issues throughout WV is poor. I believe that facet of medicine has a long way to go (probably throughout the country.)

We have such an old community. We need support for atients and their care givers for various forms of dementia. We have to travel so far for cancer treatments. We need the services if a neurologist and psychiatrist, not just counselors.

Better selection of providers so I don't have to travel 2 hours to Morgantown.

Primary Care doctors that can perform minor services in office.

More dermatologists

Psychiatrist

chemotherapy, diabetes (endocrinologist)

Endocrinologist

We really need yearly health assessments. Doctors don't do these anymore. Basically, all we get is weight, BP and temp.

For the size of New Martinsville and Doctors coming in from Glendale once or twice a month I believe we have access to most of our needs. For my cancer I had to go to Morgantown. For Knee Replacements lately it only required a 25 minute drive to Glendale.

Urology

Don't know

Hearing

Updated medical equipment.

More specialists by referral. Colonoscopy, urologist,

Radiation/chemo

Women's Health and Heart

Gastroenterologist, Cardiologists, Neurospecialists

Hospital Urgent Care

MRI testing, metal health

A full time surgeon

Women's health.

mental health

Qualified Dual Diagnosis Mental Health

More specialized doctors

pain clinics that actually treat their patients that are in extreme pain and not insult them with all you need is tylenol

Closer psychiatrists or anything. It's an hour drive to most of my doctors.

Better income-based medical/dental/vision care for those that need it

life flight

MENTAL HEALTH

Nutritional education

Urgent care walk in

Free clinics

More GPs. Not enough doctors. Will be seeing a PA when my dr retires in Dec. Not many good PAs to choose from either

Better mental health services. I drive approximately 30 minutes to receive care with a place I really like. Would just like to not have to drive to be able to go to the therapies that are offered there.

Return of the Life Flight that was taken way.

no answer

Psychiatry

Cardiac

We have access to all the above.

a place for people with special needs to beable to go and learn , play games and just be a part of the community

Level 2 trauma center or higher

Updated facility

N/A

Better help for people who can not afforded health care services

Chemo drug

If we are forced to rely on clinics/Ez Care they should be 24/7 365 days.

Drug detox and rehabs

mental health specialists, drug abuse counseling

Competent Neurologist

Cardiovascular

Cardiothoracic

mental health facilities

Substance abuse

More mental health and LGBTQ specialized services

Better mental health

Another walk in clinic

Mental psychiatric

Mental health

An urgent care facility available on weekends near my town

Diabetes and cardiac doctors

Mental health

Mental health

OBGYN specialists

More after care facility

Urgent care pcp

Cardiac and pulmonary

Oncologists

Weight loss

Therapist mental

Back surgery laser More regular drs instead of pa

Dental services

None of my doctors are in Wetzel County. I go out of the area for care Ear, nose, and throat specialist Mental health, gynecologist, pediatrician free/affordable mental health counseling Diabetic care They are in Marshall county but wait time is months. More cardiac care Obgyn We have one in my area Diabetes's specialist Plastic surgery Weight management Not sure Better drug rehab centers Dental and vision Obgyn Neurologist Diabetes center Nothing really NON-INVASIVE PROCEDURE FOR ESSENTIAL TREMORS Urgent care Gynecologist Youth resource center Drug rehab facilities, mental health Any services your organization promised to bring to the area and have failed to deliver. hours that people don't have to call off work for Drug and alcohol addiction services Eye care More local mental health facilities Sliding scale dental services based on income mental health More specialists so as not to have to travel so far. Pediatric care. Family Doctor, Gland specialist, not visiting doctors but be here 5days a week More primary care doctors to choose from. ldk Good mental health care More mental health/addiction help More specialists in rheumatoid area and joint and muscle Bring back AirEvac. School health clinic. Massage therqpy None Cardiology We need more mental health care that accepts medicare. Pulmonology, dermatology

Mental health, drug and alcohol support

IDK

Weight loss/healthy eating
Better choice of Physicians
I'm fine with what we have.
Nutrition services
Mental Health
Urologist

Weight management, mental health

Female gynecological.

Birthing babies!

Mental health and drug/alcohol treatment

Physical therapy, mental health,

General practioner doctor.

Natural medical centers for pain and mental health

Mental health

Mental Health

More mental health/ therapists

Walk in clinic on weekends and evenings

Don't know.

Good primary care drs. Functional medicine drs and specialist who can get you in in a timely manner

Nutritionist, Dietician, smaking cessasion aid

free screenings

Someone that has the power to figure out what is wrong with them. Instead of treating patients like cattle

Free INSULIN just like NARCAN is to drug abusers

ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES EDUCATOR

Urgent care for infants

N/A

lung, mental health, eye, teeth

Neurologist

Lung dr, vascular vein doctor

Better pain management services

General surgery, cardiology

Transportation to medical appointments

Telemedicine doctors for minor issues. I currently have this option with my employer and it is o charge through my insurance! It's great!

Mental health services

Endocrinology

Pediatrician, Rehab center, life flight, Mental heath specialists.

Mental health and drug addiction treatment facilities

All educated specialists who want to help people get better not blame mental health on their physical problems

unsure

Baby delivery

Getting specialists is very tough for our area. Working to get specialists in one or two days a month in the area from larger practices would be helpful. However, we need more doctor level providers working in the area to help the overwhelming burden of the current patient load on already established providers. These providers can be physicians, pharmacists, or other providers than can handle all the patients that need managed.

more doctors in Wheeling/Parkersburg come to WCH

Vascular

Education on diabetes

Specialized Medicine.

Satisfied with what we have offered

urology, nephrology

Wellness check ups

Neurologist, And counseling

Wellness classes

telehealth

Free health clinics.

Continued ER and PCP at WCH

Oncology and cardiology

Can you think of something that would help improve the health of your community?

Community Center with family activities (strengthen families and offer youth positive things to do)

Bringing AirEVAC back for emergency situations. Concerned for our communities now, both sides of the river!

More outreach programs

Help for opioid addiction

walking trails at each of the city parks; affordable gyms

More outside activities

availability to healthcare in rural areas

Open indoor areas of schools for public walking and create more walking trails outdoors. additional services

more social programs for seniors to help cost of food and OTC meds and items

community activities for the full family at free or low costs

more access to healthy affordable foods

Encouraging people to grow small gardens

God

places for not only children to go but those out of school in their 20's, we have nothing. not even a bowling alley or small arcade, and so many are getting in trouble because of boredom.

More specialists and transportation.

Access to a free clinic, such as Health Right in Wheeling WV

Low cost dietitian

diet education, metal health services and more medical specialist in the area

Arresting people on drugs instead of letting them go

mental health clinic for children..

education programs

Online educational opportunities about healthy lifestyles

A rec center with indoor pool and courts

Drug rehabilitation facilities

EDUCATION AND MORE WALKING TRAILS

make the community more attractive to white collar workers

a center where children could do sporting activities, similar to a YMCA or sports complex Better options / md for health care and affordable

education, food co-operative with local farmers

An increase in services for these problems

Affordable insurance. Wages you can live on

Grocer's having more local options. More plees for exercise that are not specifically gyms, like a place where someone could swim during the winter inside.

More activities/places for kids/teenagers to do in their downtime.

Safe areas for people to be active. Tyler County has few options.

Community center with things for families and teens to do

Education

more activities for young adults/older children

An affordable gym and membership

YMCA or other community center with easy access

Education is the only thing that I think will improve health care in this community. Many people don't believe in scientific facts anymore.

Having a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program would greatly benefit our local community and surrounding communities.

Focus on mental health problems, drug use fall out and how to help families get through these things.

More activities that are not bars or drugs in the area.

More economic opportunities, Jobs

More programs centered around children and also programs centered around drug/alcohol use and healthy eating.

Police enforcement

Fathers

BETTER HOUSING... MORE COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR FAMILIES

fast reliable internet/phone, educational outreach, nutritionists

Safe places for needle disposal, access to less processed foods, better roads

A community center

More activities for the youth

Someway to educate people about diet and improve their way of eating.

Enforcement of punishment/jail time for illegal drugs

More access to Drug Rehab centers or programs

places to be active that does not cost the person money.

Parenting education for those that do not or can not parent their children.

Fun and healthy activities for children and teens (esp.): physical exercise, positive social interactions, frequent and consistent meetings/events

Greater access to community walking trails, parks, grocery stores with healthy food options, and and healthcare facilities.

Free dental and eye clinics for all students regardless of income.

Vaccination Mandates

More programs available to educate others about drug and substance abuse.

Bring back life flight program that citizens paid for ASAP

public transportation

Not sure

Stronger CPS protection for kids

Rehabilitation Facilities

Walking and Bike pathways

Maybe some active initiatives that come with rewards?

Drug intervention/ prevention

Mandatory health facilities for drug crimes instead of jail, drug court or snitching.

better roads to improve food deliveries

Mental health

Giving people more opportunities to get involved with people in similar health situations (I.e. beginning walkers) to have a group they can connect with but won't cost money or be intimidating. Like a walking club for beginners that would meet weekly or monthly and someone experienced could show them places to go in town like flat areas, sidewalks/streets with parking nearby or limited dogs. Anything to encourage them to start and find others for a support system.

More places to buy fresh foods in rural areas, expanded in home health care and daily living help options for the elderly

More community based activities for the youth.

There needs to be more places to exercise. Why can't we make bike trails, provide kids more things to do, and clean up the neighborhoods. Also, clean drinking water and knowing PCE is not in our water would decrease diseases.

Get rid of the drugs

A YMCA

Areas for exercise for adults

More awareness about healthy choices both in eating and exercise

Improved infrastructure

Quality mental health care and substance abuse therapy

Classes on eating healthy

More programs to help those that are addicted to drugs, or are homeless.

Community health initatives

Better health care providers in Pine Grove. Staff at the clinic are very rude and disrespectful to the patients. Jennifer is a gossip and treats the people, especially poor patients like dirt.

Encourage people to get jobs

More mental health care options

More activities

Free cooking on a budget classes to show that you can eat healthier on a limited income and not buy so much cheap processed foods.

More exercise options

Get rid of all the drugs in my community, and help the town with a place to exercise and healthy habits. We live in a town that has no place to walk, other than the main road. Route 20.

Poor/non existence job skills lead to poverty which makes many of the other community health issues more likely

Cracking down on drugs

Get rid of drug problems

24/7, Safe, Inside Wellness Center with walking track and pool. Free to all!

Fix the drug/homeless problem

more paved, well lighted, safe walking/biking paths...more grocery stores for competition Walking paths/trails

To improve the health of our community we need to find a way to change the way people think about healthy choices.

An eat this not that on a limited food budget.

Pediatric mental health doctors and pediatricians

I don'rt know because most the problems are related to personal choice that we already know the consequences of

Mandatory drug testing

If people would do their jobs and stop the drug and child abuse

more preventative health programs; partnerships with local schools; mental health facility more jobs that would support a family and better access to health and healthy foods

QUALITY DOCTORS IN OUR AREA

Reducing health care costs!!! We have insurance and now to visit our PCP who is with WVU, we were charged 269.00! This PCP is not even a MD, only an NP. We can go out of town and see a specialist for less money. Also, the selection of healthy food in our area is very limited. Safe places to walk or ride a bike are almost non existent if you do not live in New Martinsville or Paden City.

would like to see WCH start a doc in a box

Youth center ymca

The financial drain on families who have members with addictions. Currently no method for handling drug and alcohol problems in this county

Stop plea deals for drug sellers and exercise facilities in the outer communities

Preemptive drug education (illegal and legal)

clean air and water

More community services to target areas such as health with actual coaches or personnel to guide

addition of a wellness center with indoor activities at a reasonable cost

better kept trails, parks, a place for teens and activities for youth to prevent drug abuse, more options for healthy eating, farm to table,...

teaching parenting skills

finding some way (and I have no idea) to educate the people, (20-40 year olds) they need to be part of a common good, not so selfserving.

A health and Fitness center that offers classes and programs to kids, teens, and adults. No, I wish I knew how to help fix it.

I think that there needs to more available to the community to live a healthier lifestyle. I BELIEVE THAT A GOOD HOMELESS SHELTER WOULD BE A GREAT HELP TOWARDS THE HEALTH OF OUR COUNTY.

Health incentives(money, gift cards, etc.) for making health life choices

Bike trail and better sidewalks

more primary care physicians

Preventative Care Programs that are affordable.

Accountability

An on site medivac helicopter service

Easier access to addiction interventions

free health screenings

Access to care

Mandate vaccine for Covid-19 as well as flu. Redefine the welfare system to give people incentive to work.

Having a hospital that is more reactive when you come to ER. The wait time and communication is beyond acceptable. I will drive an hour instead of stopping there ever again or go to Sistersville Hospital

Nutritional education, organized adult recreational activities (basketball)

more available services for low income

better access to free healthcare

More affordable fitness centers

Have a better hospital staff

Mental hess as Ltd facilities

Recreation center for children

help for the working class

A multipurpose sporting facility.

Revitalization and police action

More programs for children

Education, and truth

Social engagement activities for both the young and adults.

No drugs

Legal marijuana for adult use so cops can focus on harder drugs and have available rehab center local with mandatory stays when caught with drugs.

Free healthcare or clinics offering free services to ALL

Advocates for elderly who don't understand issues

More education on why you need to go the doctor and how important preventative medicine is

Available resources/distance to those resources

Access to specialist care

more info about skin cancer targeting under 30 yrs of age.

Better sense of self-worth/pride in ones self

A grocery store that has fresh eidible produce at a reasonable price.

NOTHING TO DO FOR THE YOUNG ADULTS EXCEPT FOR BARS

More opportunity, and access to high levels of care thats affordable. NOT inflated for shareholders and investors!

Safe walking trail

Improved mental health care

Access to help for addictions

Drug awareness programs

lobs

Something to keep kids including teens active so they don't fall into the path of the drug users.

Health Dept nurses doing "community outreach" clinics at local fire halls. Blood pressure, glucose checks, weights, referral options for continuation of care. Educational information.

Healthy Awareness

Monthly health screenings for the community.

Not having to do a bill check to get accepted into a doctors office for visits.

Communication of health care services available and transportation to those services Make health care free to everyone don't take away dental and eye insurance at age 21

Sidewalks throughout town

Nutrition outreach

Quit giving out foodstamp money that pay for unhealthy food items.

Indoor swimming with rec facilities and gym

More Dr.'s

Better access to mental healthcare

More community events in the public and schools

More people need to be involved in decision making.

Vaping education, just how bad is it?

More health clinics

Opiod use disorder awareness programs

Free dental cleanings.

Less filling pockets and more thinking about what the community can afford

Reasons to stay in Paden City after graduation from high school. This includes good job opportunities. A grocery store that offers healthy food and low calorie choices such as diet sodas.

Provide mental health and drug counseling

Access to specialists

Lower prices on everything

Have health clinics in all small towns at least once a month

Universal health care prescription coverage

Mobile clinics with educational and primary, secondary, and tertiary services

Drug treatment facility, mental health services

Need more outdoor hiking, walking, biking areas that are user friendly and safe

Community awareness program

Teaching families about nutrition and maybe also cooking demonsrations.

ED doctors that actually listen to what you tell them

More access to healthy food +restaurants and grocery stores) plus widespread education of importance of healthy lifestyle

Offer transportation to and from appointments and offer maybe some free service days like a health fair

health fairs/clinics - BP, glucose checks, education on making healthy food choices, smoking cessation, chronic disease education - diabetes and smoking cessation.

Better Education

Better advertising of what's already available

More exercise

Affordable health care

Someway to inform individuals THEY are responsible for the choices they make.

Center with services and daily supervised activists for elderly with dementia issues.

Supervised activity center for youth. Affordable public transportation.

More available doctors.

More health programs to educate the community

Lack of jobs with livable wages. Lack of public transit. Lack of insurance prevents access to healthcare'.

free (or cheap)access to exercise/rehab

Parents being more involved in their kids lives and to attend church with them specifically! Childhood nutrition program

Quit paying women to have children. The Children are not being taken care of as the adults spend the money on their needs! Bring back the orphanages

Health fair

more access to important healthcare and better job opportunities for residents

Push for Covid vaccination Mandate for mask wearing

Low cost clinics for people that can get health insurance and for young adults and to have more things for the kids to do besides turning to drugs

An exercise facility and daycare.

Community health educational programs

More healyhcare staff and outreach programs

Rec facility, YMCA

Organized health fairs and activities.

Better water quality

I'm not sure

Help for addiction

Have more classes to get our community know more about health also what can be done for the younger and poor people.

There is nothing that's going to stop all the drug abuse ..

Bike lanes and bike trails

Keep people involved in activities.

Mask mandate:: improving gyms:: opening new parks/trails/dog parks::

Kids need a recreation center

Better choices of doctors that and affordabke health care

home health care nurses visits in rural areas for elderly that are home bound

Better water quality, our water is linked to different types of cancer and disease.

Make it safer to do simple pleasures like walking, riding bikes, parks, etc, to stay healthy Jobs

Nutritional education, holistic based rehab facilities, more activities for the children

Easier more affordable interventions

Universal Health Care Dental, Vision & Prescriptions coverage.

More things to do for the young people

YMCA

Less drug use

Have effective Law Enforcement

More grocery stores so there would be competion and lower food prices so healthy foods would be more affordable

Better job and child related opportunities

Easy access to healthy foods and activities and related programs.

better eduction

Get the Covid vaccines

Year round activites

Stop the availability of drugs. Get the drug dealers behind bars.

people washing their hands or using hand sanitizer they also need to be covering their mouth when they cough or sneeze

A new hospital and ems service

Better/updated medical equipment

Better quality living, more helpful programs

Indoor facilities for exercise free of charge or affordable. Bad weather lack of funding are issues.

more organized health community gatherings

An actual functioning community. We haven't had one in a very long time. There has not been any actual positive changes in our community in 40 years.

Clinics to help with drug addiction and homeless shelters

Drug treatment support

More places childten to do activities, 24-7daycare

A large indoor recreational facility.

Better communication towards the community about getting vaccinated.

shelters

More outdoor activities that make peopl walk

More social services.

More mental health programs for teens/ young adults

More activies for familys and everyone there is nothing to do in this valley

More availability to proper health care

Famiy and friends maybe reopen blowling alley or skating rink or have a arcade gaming place for kids and teens and just somewhere to hangout

getting more variety of specialists in our area

Bike trails

Ability to get an MRI without weeks of expensive PT that often causes more harm than good.

Narcotic and mental health facilities

community programs and assisted living facilities for the homeless people

Yes not making people wait 6 and 7 hours for an emergency at the hospital

Free nutritional class like you have at WVU Morgantown

Clinic

More quality physicians in all departments

Affordable health care

Make mental health services available

Getting drugs off of our streets

Positive attitudes, acts of kindness

More activity for kids. If they had things to do and learn it would improve their mental health

Stop smoking cigarettes

Unions becoming stronger again

More staffing at WCH and a legitimate free education program about personal health

Community Health related activities

Diabetes, Drug abuse, Obesity

Treatment programs for drug abuse

Access to medical services and prescriptions that are affordable.

More community activities, less drug and alcohol abuse.

immediate: faster service in the emergency room; long term: more face-to-face contact between volunteers and shut-ins and/or youth.

Cheaper insurance

Programs for all age groups and not just one or two groups

Bring back the bi yearly health fairs. They were a great asset to the surrounding communities including marshall

More encouragement of exercise and healthy choices, starting in school.

Getting rid of President Biden

Place for kids to hang out

Another family practice or general healthcare provider

Better healthcare options

Skaldder live where ever the can find, because they won't pay rent

Get people to take vaccines

Bike or walking paths

No i dont really know many people

More in school drug programs and community events

Fewer politics and more common sense

To many people not working that could be working.

Walking trails

More doctors

Education w/incentives

More drug alcohol abuse programs. After school activities beyond s hool sports.

Addiction treatment

More activities

Not at the moment

Coordination of healthcare. Travel 50 miles to see specialists who don't talk to each other Better therapy for drug addiction

Incentives for living healthy

Littleton needs more stores, food and rehab facilities

Public gym

More things to do closer to home

More activities

Publilc transportation

Free health clinics

Job skills to address community poverty issues

Adult activities

Easier access's to mental health facilities and drug rehabs

More resources & opportunities

Weekly outreach meetings for mental health AA NA meetings out in the rural communities not just in the bigger towns

more to do, gets people away from drugs along with more programs and services

Doctors, educational programs, free screenings, dietary programs,

Fun, safe place for kids and teens to get exercise such as outdoor roller skating rink Nothing

Free health education meetings

More community programs for teens and kids

Better Doctors

Teens do not have enough for making good choices. Some of the worst are the so called 'good kids'...parents turn them loose but they are doing many things not in their best interest. Lots of partying with kids they would not even speak to the next day at school. Drugs are rampant. School adm protect athletes from facing consequences other poorer kuds are sent out for...unhealthy balance about athletes and nonathletes in treatment.

Getting people off of public assistance

More community activities

I see a lot of young, able-bodied people receiving benefits without giving anything in return. I believe less free social assistance and more programs that require productive participation would do a lot to bolster the recipients' self esteem.

Affordable healthcare

No

Exercise classes offered after work and on weekends

Health Center

I believe more people would go to exercise programs if it wasn't so expensive

A free and functioning public gym

More activities

Getting more information out about what to look for

More specialized doctors.

Clean up the community.

Mental health facilities and drug/alcohol rehabilitation centers

Sports Complex. Give the kids something to do. So they stay out of trouble.

more control over illeagel drugs

Better policing.

Better education

If needed medications were more accessible and affordable

real living wage jobs

Figuring out a way to cut down on drug addiction

more active and actually fun things for teens and adults to do, programs to train teens for trades where they work along side people to gain experience rather than having to go to school first

Programs/activities for all ages and advertising such activities

Ome type of Med Express instead of having to go to Glendale or Marietta.

Better resources, better education as simple as how to take medicine properly, program improvements with DHHR as a whole starting at the state level.

Bring in decent doctors to the area. Treat your employees well. They're tired. U can see it in their eyes behind the mask. I've seen zero improvement in wch since the wvu takeover.

Cheaper grocery options, w/o quality loss.

education in how to have healthy lifestyle, affordable, or free.

Quit brushing everything under the rug.

rehab

A new government

TRUE WALK IN HEALTH CLINIC

Education

More outreach or information shared within the community

hiking trails, senior citizen exercise program, educational programs

Better parks and rec programs for adults

Community recreation center

For program services for the elderly more help for drug using

Put drug users and dealers in jail no matter the amount of drugs they have.

Community events for every age group.....especially beginning with children and teens

More education focused on nutrition from providers. More activities for locals to be involved in.

Crack down on drugs

A better ED department. We need better equipment, shorter wait times, Life flight

Drug rehabilitation centers and/or Suboxone/methadone clinics

Doctors making themselves available to LISTEN to their patients and guiding program implementations with others interested in helping

Return helicopter service. more assistance for older people.

more outdoor and indoor areas for Children and adults to do activities year around

A healthful restaurant

Improved access to care by hiring more high level providers to manage chronic diseases. Can't manage these diseases effectively if they are only seen every 6-12 months at their normal follow up

More responsible people

organized exercise programs for older adults

Education

Teaching abstinence/dangers of drugs and alcohol and that they can break the chain of abuse. Have a place where people could get together to exercise, day time seniors afternoons and evenings youth/ family time. Maybe even incorporate healthy topics.

Center for fitness and social gathering among aging

Better education & communication

Health programs.

Expertise in safe drinking water, better care of property clean up the town. Take pride in our town.

Community outreach programs to educate the public

free gyms

Homeless shelters, Food delivery services, free health clinics, transportation services for Elderly and Medicaid individuals

Mental health facility - drug related

Stronger environmental law enforcement

Variety of job opportunities, counseling options, urgent care facilities

Rehab facilities

Better hospital

Lower health benefits

Get the addicts off the street and sent to a detox center for 90 days eveeytime the get narcan.

Drug addiction therapy with job employment opportunity

More activities for people

More employment opportunities (and with better pay instead of the national poverty level pay rates). Then individuals could afford to purchase healthier food and make better all-around choices.

More education warly on in schools about smoking, and alcohol use

Get rid of all the drug addicts away or get them help

More healthy activities

More things for kids/teens to do.

more drug and alcohol abuse opportunities to get clean and sober

More activities and programs for younger people.

Dental coverage on medicaid for those 45 and older

Not sure

Affordable healthcare

Community center for kids

Better doctors and less wait time at the ER.

Clean drinking water

Need a community sports and rec facilities for kids to be active without traveling an hour away to do so

Free or reduced blood and health screening

Better support services for the elderly

Early education in the schools, outreach programs for adults and prevention programs for changing ingrained attitudes toward healthy eating habits, the importance of exercise and quality medical care in the community.

Cheaper Healthcare

Activities and businesses that model/encourage healthy behaviors

Better food choices and grocery stores. Local one is way too expensive and the fresh food is too expensive and goes bad 3 days after you get it!

Government that cares

mask mask mask

A recreational place for all ages

Free Activities

Change eating habits

Cheaper health care

Something to do for kids arcade, roller skating, ext

better health care

Provide something for the youth to do

Cheaper health care

get rid of gambling

More rehabilitation services

Assistance for the elderly in order to keep them in their homes. Or an assisted living facility

Do something for the drug abusers on the streets

Nutrition programs

Community based activities. Get ppl moving helps their physical and mental health

Free or low cost ways to repair your home

Drs at Wetzel county

Good paying jobs so people can afford to buy and eat healthier.

Accessible proper medical and mental health support

Walking / bike path that is safe for all to use

Cheaper medication and more, doctors locally.

Child care

Wvu quit hiring drunk doctors

nothing, this is the way it is in a small community.

get druggies out of here

Just better awareness

Local drug programs & more police investigation

Yeah stop cruelty to catsand dogs

Nicer Parks for people to walk or ride bikes without getting hit by fast driving cars.

Access to walking areas close to home

Sat in the er for 2 hours at wetzel county hp.

Lower health costs

Awareness of what is available to uninsured persons.

Need a drug abuse center

Teach healthy eating habits.

Community health education

People get out and move

Better health facility

Not having to leave this county for quality health care

Free Wellness Clinics; Safe walking trails; Nutrition education with portion control emphasis.

Programs in schools & the community focused on promoting & supporting positive mental health.

A push towards physical fitness through gyms/fitness centers by employers.

In our school system, consistent greater emphasis on making healthful choices by each individual

Local fitness center in Tyler County for anyone to access 7 days a week and transportation for elderly and meals for those who can't travel or have family to help them out

Rehabilitation more affordable dental care

Cheaper health insurance rates