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## **Residents Encouraged to Respond to California Health Interview Survey**

(Woodland, CA) – The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research is currently conducting the California Health Interview Survey, which is a random-dial telephone survey that asks questions on a wide range of health topics. The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency strongly encourages all residents of Yolo County who are contacted by the California Health Interview Survey to have their voice heard by taking the time to complete this anonymous telephone survey.

The California Health Interview Survey is the largest state health survey in the nation and provides critical information regarding the health of communities throughout California. Legislators, policy makers, local health departments, state agencies, community organizations, advocacy groups, foundations, researchers and many others across the state rely on the data from this survey to advocate for resources and identify emerging health needs. Locally, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency depends heavily on information collected in the survey to evaluate the health of the county and to make decisions on where to dedicate resources from year to year.

"The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research indicates that the survey response rate is lower than expected this year, which limits the accuracy and reliability of the data that is collected," said Yolo County Health Officer Ron Chapman, MD, MPH. "Your voice and experience are critical to the work of the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency and other community agencies who rely on the information collected in this survey."

Residents who are randomly selected for participation in the California Health Interview Survey may receive a letter in the mail prior to a call or be called directly without notification (from a random caller ID number that changes weekly). In either case, all who are selected are strongly encouraged to take approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete the survey so that Yolo County can collect critical information and feedback about the health of our community.

Information about the survey can be found at: <u>http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/chis/about/Pages/about.aspx</u>.