

July 19, 2019

RE: 2019 Idaho Healthy Youth Survey

Dear Idaho School Superintendents,

We are excited to announce the Idaho Healthy Youth Survey will be administered during the fall of 2019 and request your participation. The Idaho Healthy Youth Survey is used to collect local level data, county or regional, on behavioral health topics including substance use and misuse, mental health, bullying and safety issues at school. With your participation, state and local organizations may use this data to determine the success and effectiveness of ongoing programs as well as help identify areas of need for additional educational programs, activities and services. Results from prior surveys show we are making progress in preventing substance use and misuse and maintaining a safe learning environment. Through a continuous effort in surveillance, this positive movement can be sustained.

The survey will be administered to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students between September 30 and November 15, 2019, and the survey costs will be fully covered by the Governor's Office of Drug Policy (ODP).

Your deadline to register to participate in the survey is September 15, 2019, online at [2019 IHYS Registration](#). Upon registration, ODP, or its contractor responsible for the administration of the survey, Bach Harrison, LLC, will contact participating schools to help facilitate the preparation for administering the survey and provide any technical assistance, as needed. If you would like to see the results from the 2017 Idaho Healthy Youth Survey, please visit: [2017 Idaho Healthy Youth Survey State Report](#).

We look forward to your participation and welcome any questions you may have. All questions can be directed to Alex Curd, ODP Research Analyst, at alex.curd@odp.idaho.gov or at (208) 854-3040.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Melinda S. Smyser". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Melinda S. Smyser
Administrator
Governor's Office of Drug Policy