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NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY OPEN HOUSE/MEDIA DAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

NHANES, the nation's mobile health survey, has been traveling across the country learning about the health of the U.S. population since 1960.

The Central Virginia Health District (CVHD) previously announced that the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) is coming to Campbell County and Lynchburg, VA. NHANES is the most comprehensive survey of the health and nutritional status of the U.S. population. As a reminder, all counties and cities in the United States have a chance to be selected for the NHANES and, this year, portions of Campbell County and Lynchburg were picked as one of 15 areas selected to be part of this initiative. Each year, only 5,000 residents nationwide are chosen to participate in NHANES, conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A representative from the CDC has been attempting to contact chosen households via letters and/or stopping at their residence to explain the process.

On Friday, September 9, NHANES will be hosting an open house/media day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Local media, city/county officials and community members are welcome to stop by for a tour. This is the only day that cameras are allowed into the examination trailers to see the examination process. The NHANES trailers are located in the parking lot of the Lynchburg Health Department at 307 Alleghany Ave.

We encourage selected residents to participate in the NHANES process as it provides us in public health with valuable information for creating, directing and improving programs that serve our communities.