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Calumet County Ranks in the Top Quartile of Healthiest Counties in Wisconsin

Chilton, WI – Calumet County ranked 13th out of 72 counties for health outcomes and 7th for health factors, according to the seventh annual *County Health Rankings*, recently released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. The *Rankings* are available at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

“It’s encouraging to see that our county remains in the top quartile of healthiest communities in Wisconsin,” said County Administrator Todd Romenesko. “Our county continues to actively come together on various efforts in maintaining and improving the health of our residents.”

An easy-to-use snapshot that compares counties within states, the *Rankings* show that where you live influences how well and how long you live. The local level data makes it clear that good health is influenced by many factors beyond medical care including housing, education, jobs, access to healthy foods, and more.

“The *County Health Rankings* show us that where people live plays a key role in how long and how well they live,” said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, RWJF president and CEO. “The *Rankings* allow local leaders to clearly see and prioritize the challenges they face — whether it’s rising premature death rates or the growing drug overdose epidemic — so they can bring community leaders and residents together to find solutions.”

The *Rankings* have become an important tool for communities that want to improve health for all, as well as celebrate successes within their area. Calumet County has a number of initiatives underway to expand health opportunities for residents, including a variety of local coalitions.

REACH (*Reducing Excessive Alcohol Consumption for Health*) actively addresses the local concerns of excessive drinking and other substance misuse. U-CAN (*Calumet County Activity and Nutrition Coalition*) tackles the issue of physical activity and nutrition. Calumet County, together with Outagamie and Winnebago Counties, is a member of WOTFV (*Weight of the Fox Valley*), a tri-county coalition assisting with the issue of obesity, and the Tri-County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership.

All four groups highly encourage anyone in the county to participate and can be contacted through their individual Facebook pages or by calling Calumet County Public Health at (920) 849-1432.

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