



April 19, 2013

The Honorable Scott T. Johnson  
Mayor, City of Saratoga Springs  
474 Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Dear Mayor Johnson:

The National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is conducting a major study of the health of persons living in the United States. Saratoga County, New York has been selected as one of the survey locations during the current National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). The enclosed fact sheet describes the survey that will be used to gather information to assess the health and nutrition status of children and adults and their needs for health care.

Over 50 years similar surveys have been successfully conducted on various segments of the U.S. population. They have provided us with important data on health conditions and concerns in this country. Data are collected through household interviews and standardized medical examinations in our mobile examination center.

Our personnel will be conducting the survey in the Saratoga County from May 14<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A sample of about 525 people from Saratoga County will be asked to participate in the survey. Interviewers will be calling on designated households throughout the area. They will obtain the demographic information used to identify and select people for the examination.

We want you to be aware of our current activities so you will be better able to answer any inquiries you receive about the survey. We are informing the appropriate officials of the state and local governments, law enforcement agencies, and medical and dental societies. Before we begin operations, we will send you the addresses and telephone numbers of our field office and mobile examination center. If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at 1-800-452-6115.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important national research effort.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Zipf  
Chief, Operations Branch  
Division of Health & Nutrition Examination Surveys

Enclosure