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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Otero County Community Health Assessment Draft Available for Public Comment

**Alamogordo, NM June 17, 2020** The Otero County Healthcare Services Department has released the 2019 Community Health Assessment - Draft. The Department invites the community to review and provide comments and feedback on the draft assessment before August 1, 2020.

This is the first assessment commissioned by Otero County in response to the changing needs, resources, and expectations of the community.

This assessment uses local data with community and stakeholder input to provide government, policy makers, schools, healthcare organizations, community-based organizations, and community members valuable information about health in Otero County. The information helps prioritize issues, set goals for improvement, and choose evidence-based approaches tailored for Otero County.

Once completed, the assessment will inform development of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) by justifying how and where resources should be allocated to best meet community needs and expectations for the next 3 – 5 years.

To view the full assessment draft, please visit:

<https://co.otero.nm.us/375/2708/2020-Community-Health-Assessment-DRAFT>

Any feedback provided before the deadline will be reviewed by the Department. Not all comments and feedback will be incorporated or considered, but all input from the community is welcomed.

