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# INTRODUCTION:

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This second edition of the Health of Genesee County Data Book provides an updated snapshot of the health status of Genesee County, Michigan residents. The public's health is measured by more than the absence or presence of disease, it is also measured by the conditions in which people live, work, and raise their families. This is reflected in this data book as well as the Genesee County Health Department's current strategic plan and annual report. The health indicators found in this book were selected according to the Core Indicators List outlined in the Community Health Status Assessment of a strategic planning tool for community health improvement known as Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). This tool was developed by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and was used in developing the Genesee County Health Department's 2008-2012 Strategic Plan.

The data presented here were compiled from a variety of sources and are meant to be informative and useful to individuals, groups, and agencies working to understand and improve the health of Genesee County residents. Every effort was made to assure that data presented in this report are accurate and up-to-date. This book does not attempt to explain why conditions are as they are. This picture of current conditions is intended to spur readers to want to learn even more, and become involved in changing those health conditions they find alarming and building upon those that reflect community strengths.

A special thank you must be given to Health Department staff and community partners who contributed to both the first and second editions of the Health of Genesee County Data book. It is quite an undertaking to collect, organize, display, and narrate this amount of information. Their work has created what we hope is a useful tool. Perhaps this data book will stimulate "Better Life Through Better Health" in Genesee County.

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