

## Attachment E —Online Survey Invitation Email

**Subject:** FEEDBACK REQUESTED: Help CDC Improve Public Health Ethics Resources

Dear Colleague:

The practice of public health ethics involves applying ethical principles (e.g., social justice, solidarity, and health equity) to the practice of public health. The Public Health Ethics Unit at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been working to develop resources for health departments on ways to build capacity in public health ethics. This work has included the development of training materials and collaboration with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to provide public health ethics tools and resources. This work is more important than ever due to new requirements from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for health departments to demonstrate how ethical issues are identified, analyzed and resolved.

In order to ensure that we are meeting health departments' needs, the Public Health Ethics Unit is collecting information from state and local health department directors to gain a better understanding of how health departments address ethics issues that arise in public health practice and what resources you may need to move forward with building ethics infrastructure. The information we collect will provide insights into current ethics practices at state and local health departments and will help us refine existing guidance as well as develop additional resources to support you in your efforts to build ethics infrastructure.

We would greatly appreciate your completion of an online survey that will take approximately 11 minutes. In order to preserve your privacy, we will not link your name or the name of your health department to your individual responses in our report of the findings. If you prefer, you may designate another representative from your health department to complete this survey if that person is more involved in ethics related activities. ***We would appreciate your feedback regardless of whether or not you are currently implementing public health ethics related activities.***

We are requesting that you complete the survey within three weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, please feel free to contact me at [phethics@cdc.gov](mailto:phethics@cdc.gov) or 404-639-4690.

Thank you in advance for your input.

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