

ASTDD 2021 State Synopses

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Dental Director/Program Manager,

Another year is upon us, and once again, it is the time for ASTDD to distribute the annual Synopses of State Dental Public Health Programs (Synopses) questionnaire that collects data for state FY 2019-2020. This Synopses continues ASTDD's long-standing efforts to provide a complete and accurate picture of state dental public health programs across the nation. Since the Synopses is the only source for much of this information, your contribution is essential.

2021 marks the 24th anniversary of the ASTDD Synopses and after many years of trial and error we have a questionnaire that is relatively simple and easy to complete. To meet policies regarding surveys conducted using federal dollars, ASTDD is moving towards electronic data collection, and in future years the Synopses will be collected using an online system. This year, we are giving you two options for completing the survey – (1) you can use the online system or (2) you can complete the attached Word form document and return via email. The benefit of the online system is that skip patterns are built in and, if a question isn't applicable, you will not see the question.

IMPORTANT: Later today, you will receive a separate email with a unique link to the online survey. This email will come from Chris Wood's SurveyMonkey account. If you do not receive the email, please check your spam folder.

Because different staff and departments may need to complete sections of the Synopses questionnaire, we suggest that you print the attached Word document and distribute to appropriate individuals. After all information is complete, go online and enter the information. Data entry can be completed in one or multiple sittings. If multiple staff want to directly enter information online, forward the email that contains the link for your state to the appropriate people and ask them to enter the information directly into the Web-based survey. As you complete the questionnaire online, responses are saved once you click the "Next Page" button at the end of each page, and information can be changed at any time. To exit the survey and return to it later, simply close your browser.

To help with this process, we have scheduled a **zoom meeting on how to complete the Synopses** questionnaire and use the online system. Please join us on **Thursday, January 28 at 2:00 Eastern Time**. The URL for the meeting room is:

<https://zoom.us/j/95391080400?pwd=cC9EVzVkUnFwSTBmVGJpdUJvWFLz09>

Meeting ID: 953 9108 0400, Passcode: 901663

The deadline for completing the 2021 Synopses questionnaire is **February 28, 2021**. If we are to include your state data in the report at the annual NOHC meeting in April, then we must have your responses back by the deadline date. Thank you in advance for your timely participation in this project. We sincerely appreciate your efforts. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Happy New Year – I'm hoping that 2021 will be substantially better than 2020

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