

Illinois School Health Services Survey Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the Illinois School Health Services Survey?

The Illinois School Health Services Survey is a statewide survey being administered by [Healthy Schools Campaign \(HSC\)](#). It will assess the current landscape of school health services across Illinois and identify current challenges and opportunities with providing health services to students. Findings from the survey will be shared publicly on an aggregate basis and used to develop statewide recommendations to provide additional resources and support to schools and ensure students are receiving the critical health services they need.

2. Who is Healthy Schools Campaign?

HSC is an independent not-for-profit organization and serves as a leading authority on healthy school environments for people who care about the health and education of children. HSC works with partners to advocate for policies and practices at the federal, state and district levels that enable students to receive the physical and mental health care that they need to learn and succeed at school. Learn more about our school health services work [here](#).

3. This seems like a lot of work. Why should my district complete this survey?

Currently, no statewide dataset exists for school health services in Illinois. Completing this survey will provide valuable information regarding how school health services are currently being delivered and funded in Illinois. This data will inform recommendations to the state that can ultimately lead to expanded access to and resources for school health services in your school district. Completing this survey will help ensure the individual needs of your district are included and addressed through this work.

4. What is the difference between Part 1 and Part 2 of the survey?

Part 1 (Qualitative Analysis) will collect information on the health service models being used, service needs and challenges, school health staffing needs and challenges, Medicaid billing capacity, staff training and capacity building needs, and other issues. This portion of the survey will be completed via SurveyMonkey.

Part 2 (Quantitative Analysis) will focus on data collection related to the volume of different health services being provided, number of students served, Medicaid reimbursement levels, and school health staffing levels. This portion of the survey will be completed in an excel document and submitted via email.

5. Who should complete Part 1? Who should complete Part 2?

Part 1 (Qualitative Analysis) may require input from various district staff, such as finance and billing staff and/or health service staff. Part 2 (Quantitative Analysis) may require input from finance or billing staff or your billing coordinator, if applicable. Please note the staff most suited to complete this survey may vary from district to district depending on the scope

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and structure of student health services programming in your district. We encourage you to review the survey in advance in order to determine the most appropriate staff for completion.

6. What do I do if I am missing data for Part 2? Should I still submit what I do have?

Yes. While most districts should be able to provide accurate data on student numbers and service minutes for IEP and 504 students, as well as health staffing levels, it may be challenging for some to estimate service levels for remaining Medicaid enrolled students. If exact data is not available, if possible, please provide your best estimate. Please note that all listed service and provider types may not be applicable to your district and that you may also need to add additional types. Please note if you feel any data is incomplete or estimated in Tab 4: Additional Information or by inserting a direct comment in the excel sheet.

7. Where do I submit the completed data from Part 2?

Upon completion of Part 2 (Quantitative Analysis), please submit the completed spreadsheet in Excel format only (not PDF, Google doc, or other format) and send as an attachment via email to IllinoisSchoolSurvey@healthyschoolscampaign.org.

8. What is the role of the contact person?

While multiple individuals may assist in the completion of the survey, the contact person for the district will serve as HSC's main point of contact for any follow-up requests, questions, and updates pertaining to the survey and its findings.

9. How will our information and data be used?

Findings from the survey will be incorporated in a publicly available report and used to help develop recommendations to the state and other critical stakeholders to provide additional resources and support to schools. No personally identifiable information or unique data related to the district or persons completing the survey will be shared publicly. Results and findings will be disseminated at an aggregate level for evaluation only.

10. Is there any assistance available for completing the survey?

Yes. Please email IllinoisSchoolSurvey@healthyschoolscampaign.org with any questions or to schedule a time to speak with HSC staff.

HSC will host a webinar on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 to review the survey in greater detail and discuss upcoming opportunities for Illinois. To register for this webinar visit: www.healthyschoolscampaign.org/illinoisschoolsurvey. A recording of the webinar will be made available.

11. Where can I find more information on this survey and the opportunities currently available in Illinois for expanding school health services programming?

For more information, please visit www.healthyschoolscampaign.org/illinoisschoolsurvey.