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June 11, 2019

Mark Rees
Town Administrator
Town of Fairhaven
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Mr. Rees:

The National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is conducting a major study of the health of persons living in the United States. Bristol County, Massachusetts has been randomly selected as one of the survey locations during the current National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).

For more than 55 years, NHANES has been used to monitor the health and nutritional status of US residents of all ages. Recent NHANES data has been used to monitor trends in obesity prevalence among children and adults, and has been used to evaluate the effectiveness of HPV vaccinations. Data are collected through household interviews and standardized medical examinations in our mobile examination center. The enclosed fact sheet describes NHANES in more detail.

Our personnel will be conducting the survey in Bristol County starting **July 19, 2019 through September 22, 2019**. A sample of about 730 people from Bristol County will be asked to participate in the survey. Interviewers will be calling on designated households throughout the area. They will obtain the demographic information used to identify and select people for the examination.

It is important for us to assure you and county residents that this legitimate survey is a federally funded national effort with significant influence on health policy across the nation. We want you to be aware of our current activities so you will be better able to answer any inquiries you may receive about the survey. We are informing the appropriate officials of the county and local governments and medical and dental societies about this survey. We are also informing all the law enforcement officials in the area.

Also, enclosed is a confidentiality brochure detailing the lengths that we take to secure the data. This information can also be found online at www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm



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The locations of the Field Office and Mobile Examination Center are provided below. Should you need additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact our local Study Manager, George Dixon, at 1-800-210-3413.

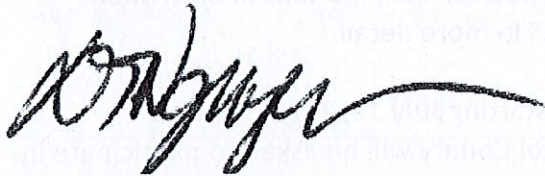
NHANES - Field Office Site
91 Washington Street
Unit 302
Taunton, MA 02780
774-510-3121 **available after July 19, 2019*

Mobile Examination Center
Large White Medical Trailers
Holiday Inn Taunton
700 Myles Standish Blvd.
Taunton, MA 02780

If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at 1-800-452-6115.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important national research effort.

Sincerely yours,



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