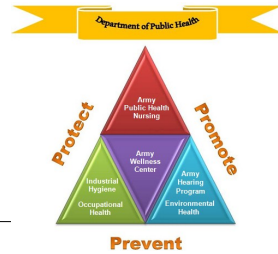


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Share Your Thoughts for a Healthier Community, Take the 2014 Community Health Survey

A computer-based Community Health Survey is being conducted for Fort Riley residents beginning in the month of February. This survey is a valuable tool used by the Department Public Health Department of Irwin Army Community Hospital to better assess/determine the health and wellness needs of the fort's Soldiers and Family members.

If the survey is taken on a non-DoD computer, the following message is likely to appear: "There is a problem with this website's security certificate. The security certificate presented by

this website was not issued by a trusted certificate authority. We recommend that you close this webpage and do not continue to this website." Please continue on since this survey originates from a safe and trusted DoD computer.

The address to complete this survey is: <https://usaphcapps.amedd.army.mil/Survey/se.ashx?s=251137450A06554C>

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey as it will help in determining the needed and desired healthcare and wellness resources.

Cold Weather Injuries, Be Aware—Be Safe

In the time period from 25 November 2013 to present there have been over 20 cold-weather injuries in active-duty service members on Fort Riley. These ranged in severity from only requiring self care to requiring use of crutches to minimize further injury to frostbitten feet. All significant cold-weather injuries involve some loss duty time as well as putting service members at risk for future injuries. Continued vigilance is warranted to ensure cold-weather injuries in active-duty service members are appropriately treated, documented, and reported. By maintaining timely an accurate reporting of cold-weather injuries in active-duty service members, individuals and commanders can make appropriate decisions regarding training, personal and unit equipment, and exposure time in cold weather.

Department of Public Health to Move to Caldwell Clinic in June

Renovation of the Caldwell Clinic, building 7665 on Custer Hill, is scheduled to be completed by June 2014. The Department of Public Health is busy preparing for the move into their new home.

Currently, most of the department's personnel are located in four different buildings behind the hospital. It will be beneficial for Occupational Health, Army Hearing Program, Industrial Hygiene, Army Public Health Nursing, and Environmental Health to all be located under the same roof.

This move will also place DPH three buildings away from the Army Wellness Center, which is part of the department. One (closer) DPH Team, One fight towards a healthier Fort Riley community.



Check out the Fort Riley Army Wellness Center at <https://www.facebook.com/AWCFortRiley>