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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Presentation from the Health Department of the Community Health Impact Assessment

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

The Health Department's Community Health Impact Assessment is a compilation of quantitative and qualitative data regarding COVID impacts on community health. The assessment was intentionally limited to the five priority areas that are the focus of the community health improvement process. These are:

- Kindergarten readiness (an indicator of child and family well-being)
- Child care (an indicator of employment and economic opportunity)
- Housing security (ability to retain safe and stable housing as a health determinant)
- Homelessness (crisis intervention for unhoused individuals and families as a health determinant)
- Behavioral health (a health outcome)

The results are organized in terms of current negative and positive impacts, and projected long-term impacts in each priority area as well as systemic issues that cut across all of these community health priorities