

Seneca County is curious about what you know about your county Public Health Department services. Do they just give out shots? Do they investigate rabies? Do they help address obesity? Will they protect me if a communicable disease of epidemic proportion strikes my community?

To better understand what people in the community know about their public health department, the County Public Health Departments in the S2AY Rural Health Network region are conducting a survey to see what you know about the role of public health. The survey will take less than five minutes to complete. So if you live in Chemung, Ontario, Livingston, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne or Yates county,

department's website or type in <http://www.s2aynetwork.org/counties.html>.

If you want to provide input but don't use a computer, just call the S2AY Network at (607) 962-8459 and someone will be happy to read you the survey questions and record your answers. Or we can send you a paper copy to fill out.

THE RESPONSES WILL be used to help improve your public health department.

The S2AY Rural Health Network is a non-profit organization. For more information about the Network please contact Andrea Haradon at Haradon@s2aynetwork.org.

Seneca Meadows helps stretch mulch budgets

Since 2002, Seneca Meadows has been helping Seneca County families stretch their landscaping budgets by providing free mulch in a one day event the company calls the Mulch Give-Away. Families from every corner of the county line up in pick-up trucks (and occasionally in a car or caravan) along the company's mile-long driveway to receive the popular commodity.

"It's a great program for our community," said Seneca Falls resident Greg Cotterill. "My family has participated for many years, sometimes making it first in line. It's been a helpful cost saver."

Acting district manager for Seneca Meadows, Kyle Black, said, "The Mulch

Give-Away is an ecologically valuable program that services about 400 families per year. We purchase the mulch from a local vendor, so it encourages the local economy on multiple levels."

This year's Mulch Give-Away is scheduled for May 16 from 7-11 a.m. at the Seneca Meadows Landfill on Route 414, Seneca Falls. The program is organized on a first come, first served basis.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING a pick-up truck, trailer or containers for their mulch, and must show proof of residency. Seneca Meadows personnel will be on hand to assist those with containers. Mulch is limited to two scoops per household.

Covert to hold public hearing

The Covert Town Board will hold a

are welcome to attend and be heard. For