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## New Reports Detail Health Inequalities in the Healthiest State

### Vermont Public Health Association Hosts Open Forum on April 7

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BURLINGTON – Vermont is routinely ranked among the healthiest states in the nation. But Vermonters are not equally healthy, as documented in the two newest reports that examine health disparities in the state.

*The County Health Rankings* released today by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin, and *The Health Disparities of Vermonters* by the Vermont Department of Health show that where and how people live, learn, work and play influence how healthy they are and how long they live.

The Vermont Public Health Association is hosting an open forum – Addressing Health Disparities: Reducing Inequalities in the Healthiest State – on April 7, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier.

Featured speakers will be Linda Rae Murray, MD, president of the American Public Health Association, Tracy Dolan, deputy commissioner for the Vermont Department of Health, and Hal Colston, executive director of the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service.

For more information on the forum, visit the Vermont Public Health Association at [www.vtpha.org](http://www.vtpha.org).

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