

## **Pediatric Asthma and Diabetes Survey**

### **Massachusetts Department of Public Health – Bureau of Environmental Health**

#### **Survey Overview**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) distributes the annual Pediatric Asthma and Diabetes Survey (PADS) to all public, private, and charter schools in Massachusetts serving children in grades K-8. The data is collected from each school by students' city/town of residence and used to calculate pediatric asthma and diabetes prevalence. Please note we do **not** collect this data from collaborative schools.

#### **Survey Instructions**

*This page contains important information about which schools need to complete this survey, what data is collected, and how to prepare the data prior to starting the survey. For any additional questions please see the PADS FAQ document.*

Data needed to complete this survey:

- The number of students with asthma and/or diabetes in kindergarten through 8th grade by students' **grade, gender identity, race<sup>1</sup> and ethnicity** for each **city/town** of student residence.
- The number of students with Asthma Action Plans (AAP) for each **city/town** of student residence.

**You will need to complete a separate survey for each city/town that students with asthma and/or diabetes live in.**

- **Complete only one survey** if all students with asthma and/or diabetes live in the same city/town.
- **Complete multiple surveys** if students with asthma and/or diabetes live in multiple cities/towns. A survey must be submitted for **each** city/town of student residence.

#### **Survey Prep**

- **Gather all data before starting the survey.** We suggest using the [Survey Worksheet](#) to tally counts by the required categories before starting the survey and keeping a copy of the Survey Worksheet for your records.
  - Be sure to complete separate Survey Worksheets for each city/town of student residence.
  - Pre-kindergarten and/or high school students with asthma and/or diabetes are **not** counted in this survey.
- **Save and Return.** There are opportunities to save your survey and return later throughout. If/when you select this option at any time in the survey, instructions will be presented. Please read these instructions carefully.
- **Survey Duration.** If all data is collected before starting the survey, it is anticipated that 1 survey (i.e., 1 city/town) will take 8 minutes to complete.

<sup>1</sup>MDPH acknowledges that race is a social construct which carries no biological significance in distinguishing human beings. However, many health inequities are rooted in the effects of racism experienced by people of color. MDPH collects race information to better understand these health inequities.