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Applications are open for KCHD's Youth Health Board

Knoxville, Tenn.— The Youth Health Board is now accepting applications from Knox County high school students. Not only is this program a great resume builder for potential college applications, but it provides a learning opportunity in the field of public health and other health-related professions.

"Students on the Youth Health Board gain life experience that they can take with them into college and their daily lives," said Reantha Pillay, public health educator for KCHD. "Students get to be involved in projects within their own community and network with professionals. It's also a great place to meet students with similar goals and passions from different high schools."

Monthly meetings feature guest speakers and volunteer opportunities that enable students to explore and act on issues affecting our community such as mental health, emergency preparedness, physical activity, nutrition, and adolescent health issues.

Youth Health Board applicants will need to commit to:

- Serving a one-year term, May 2022 April 2023
- Attending monthly meetings
- Attending a minimum of two Focus & Social meetings
- Serving a minimum of 15 hours through various volunteer and public health community events

Visit the <u>Youth Health Board page</u> to learn more about the program and to submit your application. If you have questions about this program, please email <u>reantha.pillay@knoxcounty.org</u>.

The application is open through April 15, 2022.

About Knox County Health Department

The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. As a chief health strategist for the community and with more than 240 team members, KCHD's broad scope of work includes convening partners to improve community health, identifying community health threats, investigating disease outbreaks, conducting extensive outreach and education, preparing for public health emergencies, providing and connecting the public with medical care, enforcing food safety and air quality laws, and more. For more information, visit www.knoxcounty.org/health.



