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Health Department Releases Data Fact Sheet on Obesity

BALTIMORE, MD- (July 23, 2008)- The Health Department's Office of Epidemiology and Planning is releasing a data fact sheet on obesity in Baltimore. The goal of fact sheets is to present available data and information on these topics in a manner that is accessible to the public, policymakers, and students.

The obesity fact sheet contains information on overweight, obesity and related problems affecting city residents from a variety of sources.

Future topics will include:

- Smoking/tobacco use
- Health insurance status/healthcare access
- Substance abuse
- Mental health
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease
- Cancer

“We look forward to releasing information in a usable format to inform the public and policymakers,” said Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, Commissioner of Health.

Links to these and other reports can be found at the Health Department's Data and Research page: <http://www.baltimorehealth.org/dataresearch.html>

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