

Appendix 6.6 Community Immersion Excursion Template

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As you know by now ... we are a COMMUNITY Health Center ... and the community where your home site is located is where your patients often live and work. Knowing your community will allow you to better understand the context in which your patients and their families live. It will help you better care for their needs clinically, but also attend to their social and emotional wellbeing

As part of your community orientation we want you to take some time to immerse yourself in your new community. Start by walking the area around your health center. Below is a list of points of interest to find. You may not be able to walk to all of these, but Google is your friend! Please fill in the answers below with what you find during your excursion.

In addition, document your excursion with pictures with your co-resident. Take at least 10 pictures documenting some of these items below and we want to see you in some of them (hint: selfies!). Send pictures and your completed form (one form per pair of residents) by email to Erica Hastings and Charise Corsino at the end of your excursion.

- What are the nearest pharmacies?
- What is the nearest place to buy food (fast food, bodegas, etc.)? Describe the food that is available.
- Where is the nearest grocery store?
- What is the nearest public school?
- What are the nearby houses of worship?
- What kinds of shops, stores, restaurants are nearby? Did you see any particular ethnic groups you see represented?
- What kinds of housing are near the site? (Houses, multi-family units, large complexes)?
- Locate your local police station, fire house, public library, and courthouse?
- Are there other health care related organizations or businesses nearby?
- Describe any activity or social organizations that are nearby.
- Are there any parks, playgrounds, or open spaces near the site? Describe them.
- Did you see any community organizations that you want to learn more about?

UDS Mapper Questions- As part of your orientation you learned how to use UDS Mapper. Answer the questions below can be found on the UDS Mapper site.

- Total Population
- Total Low Income Population
- Total Number of Health Center Patients
- Describe any new information you learned or found interesting about the community you'll be working in.