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Perry County Health Department Awarded National Accreditation Through the Public Health Accreditation Board

PHAB-Accredited Health Departments Demonstrate the Capacity to Serve their Communities Well

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The Perry County Health Department proudly announced today that it has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The national accreditation program works to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing and ultimately transforming the quality and performance of the nation's state, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments. The Perry County Health Department is one of fewer than 200 health departments that have thus far achieved accreditation through PHAB since the organization launched in 2011. However, hundreds of health departments across the country are preparing to seek accreditation through PHAB, the non-profit organization that administers the national public health accreditation program.

"I am extremely proud of our staff, partners, and community members who have helped us achieve accreditation status. The hard work and commitment to this process has not gone unnoticed. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our department's commitment to public health has been evident and our ability to achieve this milestone during this difficult time makes our accreditation more meaningful" said Perry County Health Commissioner, Angela DeRolph.

The national accreditation program, jointly supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, sets standards against which the nation's nearly 3,000 governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. To receive accreditation, a health department must undergo a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it meets or exceeds a set of quality standards and measures.

Public health departments play a critical role in protecting and improving the health of people and communities. In cities, towns, and states across the nation, health departments provide a range of services aimed at promoting healthy behaviors; preventing diseases and injuries; ensuring access to safe food, water, clean air, and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.

"Achieving accreditation indicates that The Perry County Health Department is dedicated to improving and protecting the health of the community by striving to continuously improve the quality of the services it delivers," said Ray (Bud) Nicola, MD, MHSA, chair of PHAB's Board of Directors and affiliate professor at the University of Washington School of Public Health in Seattle. "Accreditation also promotes consistency in meeting standards. With an ever-increasing number of health departments now applying for and becoming accredited, you will be able to expect to receive the same quality of public health services wherever you go in the United States."

Perry County Health Department is working to improve Public Health in Perry County by preventing disease, promoting health and safety, and protecting our environment.

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