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

The Tuscarawas County Health Department announced on April 1, 2019 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 Tuscarawas County Health Department is one of fewer than 300 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.

"We are pleased and excited to be recognized for achieving national standards that foster effectiveness and promote continuous quality improvement," said Katie Seward, Health Commissioner of the Tuscarawas County Health Department "The accreditation process helps to ensure that the programs and services we provide are as responsive as possible to the needs of our community. With accreditation, Tuscarawas County Health Department is demonstrating increased accountability and credibility to the public, funders, elected officials and partner organizations with which we work."

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.

"Whenever you see our seal of accreditation, you will know that Tuscarawas County Health Department has been rigorously examined and meets or exceeds national standards that promote continuous quality improvement for public health," Seward said. "By continuing to improve our services and performance, we can be sure we



are meeting the public health needs of those we serve as effectively as possible.”

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.

The Tuscarawas County Health Department is unique in that it offers a wide variety of non-mandated services in addition to the services required to be offered by the State. Services such as the Alcohol and Addiction Program; Medical Clinic including acute and chronic care, ob-gyn services and well child visits; Project DAWN; WIC program; nuisance/housing and mosquito programs; and many health education initiatives. A full list of services can be found on their website at www.tchdnow.org.

This announcement kicks off the Department’s Public Health Week’s Celebration. “It’s National Public Health Week and we are excited to celebrate 100 years of public health for TCHD and Ohio”. Additionally, as a way to give back to the community and celebrate TCHD’s 100-year anniversary and newly accredited status the Health Department in partnership with the National Guard and the Ohio Department of health will host a free healthcare weekend at Buckeye Career Center on August 10 and 11. More information about that event can be found at <http://www.tchdnow.org/guardcare-2019.html>

“The Tuscarawas County Health Department joins the growing ranks of accredited health departments in a strong commitment to their public health mission,” said PHAB President and CEO Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN. “The peer-review process provides valuable feedback to inform health departments of their strengths and

areas for improvement, so that they can better protect and promote the health of the people they serve in their communities. Residents of a community served by a nationally accredited health department can be assured that their health department has demonstrated the capacity to protect and promote the health of that community.”

The national accreditation program was created collaboratively over a 10-year period by hundreds of public health practitioners working at the national, Tribal, state, and local levels. Since the program’s launch in September 2011, hundreds of public health departments have applied to PHAB for accreditation, and hundreds of public health practitioners from across the nation have been trained to serve as volunteer peer site visitors for the program.

“Achieving accreditation indicates that the Tuscarawas 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 PHAB Toolkit Document becoming accredited, you will be able to expect to receive the same quality of public health services wherever you go in the United States.”

About the Public Health Accreditation Board
The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), established in 2007, was created to serve as the national public health accrediting body, and is jointly funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Learn more about PHAB or sign up for the PHAB e-newsletter by visiting www.phaboard.org.

**Communicable Disease Cases Reported to the
Tuscarawas County Health Department
2019 Quarter 1: January – March**

	Quarter 1 Cases	YTD Cases
Chlamydia	53	53
Gonorrhea	8	8
Campylobacteriosis	2	2
Chronic Hepatitis C	3	3
CP-CRE	1	1
Strep Pneumonia	3	3
Hospitalized Influenza	64	64
Streptococcal (A)	2	2
Pertussis	3	4
Salmonella	4	4
Haemophilus Influenza	1	1
Lyme Disease	1	1
Shigellosis	1	1
Legionellosis	1	1
Yersiniosis	3	3
Viral Meningitis	1	1
Rabies in Animals	3	3

Mosquito Program Reminder

Please remember that you **MUST** opt into our mosquito program on an annual basis. TCHD cannot conduct surveillance, spray or larvicide in your jurisdiction without your permission form. The forms were provided at the DAC meeting in March however if you need a form please contact Caroline Terkedis at cterakedis@tchdnow.org. Forms may be returned via mail to 897 East Iron Avenue Dover, Ohio 44622 or by emailing a copy to cterakedis@tchdnow.org

Sponsors Sought for Joining Forces: A Free Healthcare Weekend

GuardCare is a completely FREE healthcare event that offers basic primary care services like physicals, blood work-ups, screenings and vaccinations. Anyone can come to the event - no restrictions, and all services are 100% free. Nothing is billed to insurance or the patient. This event is a partnership of the Tuscarawas County Health Department, Ohio National Guard, and the Ohio Department of Health. The Ohio National Guard provides GuardCare once a year. The event is a test of the Ohio National Guard's medical units' ability to respond if there was a need for mass medical services within a community.

The Tuscarawas County Health Department, Ohio Department of Health and Ohio National Guard are providing much of the medical supplies, but we still need other items. We are looking for:

- Monetary Donations: to cover the cost of lab testing, purchasing of medical and general supplies
- Food Sponsors: to feed the National Guard personnel and all the volunteers (looking for fruit, grab-and-go items, or monetary donation)
- Water Sponsors: (bottled water or monetary donation)
- Medical Supplies: (dental sealants, gloves, bandages, etc, or monetary donation)

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of this event, contact Katie Seward at 330-343-5555 x164 or email director@tchdnow.org. Monetary donations can be mailed to 897 East Iron Avenue Dover, Ohio 44622. All donations will go towards supplies for this event.

100 Year Anniversary Open House

Join us at the Health Department

897 East Iron Avenue Dover, Ohio 44622

- ~Building Tours~
- ~Staff Meet and Greet~
- ~Prizes~
- ~Give-a-ways~



Wednesday

May 22, 2019

4:00-6:00pm