



# Clinton County Health Department

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## News Release

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### **Clinton County Health Department Maintains National Accreditation Status through the Public Health Accreditation Board**

*Maintaining Accreditation through PHAB Ensures the Clinton County Health Department's Capacity to Continue to Evolve, Improve and Advance*

**Plattsburgh, October 6, 2021.** The Clinton County Health Department today announced it has successfully completed a review process to maintain national accreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The nonprofit PHAB works to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. In maintaining its accreditation status for another five years, the Clinton County Health Department has demonstrated that it meets PHAB's quality standards and measures and has the capacity to continue to evolve, improve and advance, thereby becoming increasingly effective at improving the health of the residents of Clinton County.

PHAB's accreditation program, which receives support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, sets standards against which the nation's governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance.

“We are so pleased to again be recognized by PHAB for achieving national standards that foster effectiveness and promote continuous quality improvement,” said Mr. John Kanoza, Director of Public Health in Clinton County. “We hope this announcement, coming as it does in the midst of our ongoing public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, will reassure our community, our partner organizations, our funders, and our elected officials that the services we provide are as responsive as possible to the needs of our community. 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.”

The Clinton County Health Department achieved initial national accreditation status through PHAB on March 4, 2015, after undergoing a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it met a set of quality standards and measures. Today's announcement goes a step further by demonstrating that the Clinton County Health Department has the capacity to become increasingly effective at improving the health of Clinton County.

The Clinton County Health Department is a full service local health department and has been serving the residents of Clinton County since 1955. The Health Department's mission is to improve and



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protect the health, well-being and environment of the people of Clinton County. The Department provides a range of services aimed at promoting healthy behaviors; preventing disease and injury; ensuring access to safe food, water, clean air, and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.

“We are extremely pleased to be at the point in the accreditation program where the Clinton County Health Department, along with many others, are successfully maintaining their five-year accreditation status through PHAB,” said PHAB President and CEO Paul Kuehnert, DNP, RN, FAAN. “In so doing, these health departments are assuring their communities that the value of accreditation is long-term—not a one-time recognition—and that continual improvement is the hallmark of a 21<sup>st</sup> century organization.”

#### **About the Clinton County Health Department:**

**The Health Department is an accredited full service department serving the residents of Clinton County. The Health Department’s Mission is to improve and protect the health, well-being and environment of the people of Clinton County. Visit our website at [www.clintonhealth.org](http://www.clintonhealth.org) or connect with us on Facebook (@clintonhealth), Twitter (@ClintonCountyHD), and Instagram (clintoncountyhealth).**

#### **About the Public Health Accreditation Board:**

**The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) 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. The development of national public health department accreditation has involved, and is supported by, public health leaders and practitioners from the national, state, local, Tribal, and territorial levels. For more information, contact PHAB Communications Manager Janalle Goosby at [jgoosby@phaboard.org](mailto:jgoosby@phaboard.org). Learn more about PHAB and accreditation at [www.phaboard.org](http://www.phaboard.org), and by [signing up](#) for the PHAB e-newsletter**

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