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Columbiana County Health District Awarded National Accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board

Lisbon, Ohio- Columbiana County Health District today announced it has been awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), becoming one of the 305 accredited local health departments. Currently, only 10% of the local departments across the US have achieved this goal.

“Our health district’s status as accredited is a testament to the ongoing excellence of this organization. Effective public health has always been our priority, so we are very pleased that this philosophy was recognized by PHAB.” said Health Commissioner, Wesley Vins, MS. “We hope this announcement, coming as it does after our rapidly unfolding successful public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, is confirmation to our community, local businesses and our partner organizations that our staff is committed to quality improvement and responsive to the needs of our community.”

"The value of becoming nationally accredited through PHAB extends far beyond the interior walls of the health department," said PHAB President and CEO Paul Kuehnert, DNP, RN, FAAN. "People living and working in communities served by these health departments can be assured that their health department is strong and has the capacity to protect and promote their health. Just going through the accreditation process itself helps health departments pinpoint the areas that are critical to improving the work they do for their communities."

Often called the “backbone” of the public health system, public health agencies are on the front lines of communities’ efforts to protect and promote health and prevent disease and injury. Across the nation, health districts provide 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.

About the Columbiana County Health District- The Columbiana County Health District, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Columbiana County. The Agencies’ mission is to create a healthy place for all to live, work, and play by preventing disease in the community through partnership, encouraging people to make better choices, and promoting overall health and wellness. Learn more about the Columbiana County Health District at: www.columbiana-health.org or follow us on Facebook!

Our Vision: “A safe community of healthy people”



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About the Public Health Accreditation Board- Established in 2007, The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is the nonprofit organization that administers the national accreditation program, which aims to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. 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. Learn more about PHAB and accreditation at www.phaboard.org, and by [signing up](#) for the PHAB e-newsletter.

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