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POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PASSES REVIEW BY STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS

MADISON—State health officials announced today that the **Polk County Health Department** has successfully passed the state’s health department review. As a result, the **Polk County Health Department** will maintain their Level III status.

“Local public health staff help make their community a healthier place in which to live, play, work, and learn,” said Karen McKeown, State Health Officer. “The department has an actively engaged and supportive Board of Health, and does an excellent job of using social media to engage community members and working hard to fight methamphetamine use in Polk County.”

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is required to formally review the operations of all 86 Wisconsin local health departments at the county or municipality level at least every five years. The review establishes the health department as a level I, II or III agency. All agencies must meet the minimum requirements of a level I health department and agencies must provide an additional 7 to 14 programs or services to meet the requirements of a level II or III health department.

The **Polk County Health Department** provides services important to the community, such as:

- Family Health Benefits Counseling
- Mental Health Task Force
- Environmental Health Services

For information about the **Polk County Health Department**:

<http://www.polkcountyhealthdept.org/>

For information about the state health plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2020, visit: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hw2020/>. For more information about the Wisconsin Health Improvement Planning Process (WI-HIPP) that will meet national accreditation standards, visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hw2020/wi-hipp.htm>.

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