



PORTAGE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Public Health



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"Making Portage County a Safe, Healthy and Vibrant Place to Live."

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2019

Welcome to the Portage County Division of Public Health quarterly newsletter!

Portage County Division of Public Health is pleased to begin offering a quarterly newsletter to provide our partners and community members with updates from our department. Each newsletter will be emailed to subscribers, linked on the County website, and shared on the Portage County Division of Public Health Facebook page (Portage County Division of Public Health).

To receive updates, please visit this link and provide your email address: www.surveymonkey.com/r/KFYP65F

Quarterly newsletters will be sent the months of March, June, September, and December.

WHAT'S INSIDE

Welcome to our new quarterly newsletter!

PHAB Accreditation

Public Health Program Overview

We are PHABulous!

Portage County Health and Human Services is pleased to announce that national public health accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has been awarded to the Division of Public Health!

The PHAB Site Visit Team conducted a review in February 2019, interviewing staff, community partners, and members of the Portage County Health and Human Services Board. The site visitors' report cited collaborative community partnerships as an area of excellence and strength in efforts to improve and safeguard the health of those who live, work and visit Portage County.

Portage County Division of Public Health was officially awarded PHAB Accreditation on June 11, 2019 and held a recognition ceremony with the Portage County Health and Human Services Board and community partners on August 29, 2019. We look forward to maintaining the high standard that comes with attaining Public Health Accreditation and using this to better serve the Portage County community.



Angela Nimsgern, Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Northern Region-Regional Director presents the PHAB Accreditation Plaque to Ray Przybelski, Director of Portage County Health and Human Services.



Accreditation banner displayed outside of Portage County Health and Human Services.



Public Health Sections & Services

Community Health

Community Health Nurses actively work in homes, schools, and businesses to help protect public health across the lifespan. Services include car seat safety, communicable disease reporting, immunizations, prenatal care coordination, and school health. Community Health Assistants provide in-school dental services, vision, and hearing screenings.

Community Health Planning

Community health planning involves working with the Healthy People Portage County initiative to develop and manage community health improvement efforts for Portage County. This process involves working with community coalitions, creating the Community Health Improvement Process & Plan (CHIPP), and providing health education to the community.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health focuses on the natural and built environments' potential to adversely effect our health. Work includes regulation through inspection and licensing, handling consumer complaints, addressing health issues, completing permit applications, and doing beach monitoring.

Public Health Planning/Preparedness

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness program focuses on preparing for and responding to events that pose a substantial risk to the health of residents. This includes focusing on community readiness, mass clinics, and managing a Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP).

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) & Nutrition Services

WIC offers public health programming across the lifespan to improve the health of women, infants, and children through promotion of healthy eating, physical activity, and nutrition education. Services include early screening, intervention and referral, and breast and cervical cancer screening referrals. Programs include Fit Families, Wisconsin Well Woman Program, and Breastfeeding Peer Counseling.