



# Public Health

## Idaho North Central District



### Press Release

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**HEADLINE: Public Health – Idaho North Central District First in Idaho to be Awarded National Accreditation Through the Public Health Accreditation Board**

LEWISTON, IDAHO – Public Health – Idaho North Central District (PH-INCD) announced today 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. PH-INCD is one of fewer than 120 health departments that have thus far achieved accreditation through PHAB and the first Health Department in Idaho to achieve this prestigious status.

“We are pleased and excited to be recognized for achieving national standards that foster effectiveness and promote continuous quality improvement,” said Carol Moehrle, Director of PH-INCD “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, PH-INCD is demonstrating increased accountability and credibility to the public, funders, elected officials and partner organizations with which we work.”

“Whenever you see our seal of accreditation, you will know that PH-INCD has been rigorously examined and exceeds national standards for public health,” Moehrle 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 counties, 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 and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.

“Public Health – Idaho North Central District is honored to become the first local health department in Idaho to receive national accreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board,” said Director Carol Moehrle. “This achievement validates the dedication and hard work of our staff, the extraordinary support of our community partners, and the commitment of our Board of Health to improving the health and quality of life in North Central Idaho.”

“Public Health – Idaho North Central District 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.”

For more information on Public Health Accreditation Board please visit <http://www.phaboard.org>.  
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