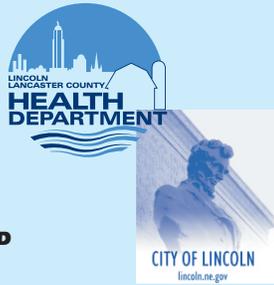




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Mayor**



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The Nature of Public Health

I am proud to present the 2007 Lincoln-Lancaster County Annual Report. The nature of Public Health is to work in the background to ensure the health and well being of all citizens. Though our services enrich the lives of those who live in Lincoln and Lancaster County, not everyone is aware of the diversity of services we provide. I welcome the opportunity to demonstrate our accomplishments in this report and give you a glimpse of the work we do for you, our constituents.

This year we continued our work to protect individuals and communities against the spread of disease, injuries, and environmental hazards while promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors. Staff is more prepared to respond to disasters and assist in recovery as well as respond to animal health and welfare issues. Data is collected and analyzed to support decisions to dedicate resources towards the most critical community health needs.

The Department exists because the lack of public health programs would have severe impact on quality of life, elevate morbidity and mortality, and increase related disparities in care and outcomes at substantial economic costs to the taxpayers in Lincoln and Lancaster. With your continued support, our staff will work to exceed expectations to enhance the quality of life. We will also focus on addressing health inequalities and their socioeconomic determinants to meet the spirit of our mission and to show everyone the possibilities they have in their lives. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, I also want to thank our community partners, our Board of Health, the community decision makers, and our staff as they strive to make a difference in everyone's lives.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department provides leadership in promoting environmental and personal health through health promotion, disease detection, disease prevention, education and regulation. In cooperation with community resources, the Department, as the official agency, is responsible for assisting the community and the citizens to assume responsibility for their health and the health of the community.

About the BOARD of HEALTH

In 1873, a City Council ordinance created the Board of Health. In 1886, the City Council approved an appropriation for the Health Department. The Department was created as an official City/County entity in 1947. The Mayor appoints the Health Director, with confirmation by the City Council, County Board and Board of Health. The Board of Health consists of one physician, one dentist, one City Council member, one County Board member and five public-spirited members appointed by the City Council and County Board.

The Board of Health assists the Department with the development and the implementation of public health policy. Each board member contributes a unique perspective and expertise that helps fulfill the Department's mission of protecting and promoting the health of the public. Board members represent diverse populations throughout Lincoln and Lancaster County and often advocate for improved personal and environmental public health services.

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BOARD of HEALTH MEMBERS



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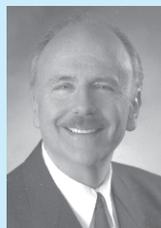
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