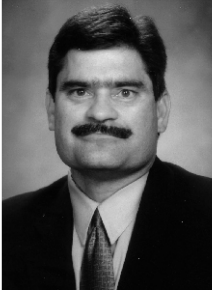


Health Director

A Message From the Health Director



Bruce D. Dart, PhD
Health Director

I am pleased to present the 2008 Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. This report highlights not only the quality of services we provide but the commitment of staff and community partners who join together to ensure that each of you benefits from a comprehensive public health system.

In this Fiscal Year the LLCHD continued the difficult task of providing high quality services while facing increasingly limited resources. The Health Department provides primary care and dental services to our most vulnerable populations, health promotion and prevention activities, environmental health education and regulation responsibilities, and animal control enforcement while managing resources and service delivery costs effectively. We continue to develop collaborations and partnerships to keep pace with the needs of our citizens. We serve everyone who lives in Lincoln and Lancaster County, never shying away from controversial issues and never losing focus on meeting the needs of all we serve.

We have worked hard to articulate the value of Public Health throughout the county. It is defined as policies, practices and programs that promote the well being of individuals, families, neighborhoods, and communities. We do not operate in isolation to impact health but function within a public health system with many caring partners who share our goals of promoting optimum health status.

As Director of the Health Department, I am proud to lead an organization with a national reputation for excellence and a track record of serving all residents, with a special focus on those most in need. The LLCHD is creative in our development of solutions to address health status issues and unflagging in our commitment to the community to ensure public's health for everyone, everywhere, everyday.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce D. Dart".

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Mission

Protect and promote
the public's health

Vision

A well-supported
public health
system serving all
people to achieve
optimal health

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