

Mayor and Board of Health

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A Message from Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird

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Leirion Gaylor Baird
Mayor of Lincoln

Lincoln is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment, freeing residents from having to worry about the basics of city living to pursue opportunities that improve their lives and futures. In public health, this includes supporting healthy lifestyles and disease prevention strategies; ensuring appropriate access to health care; addressing disparities in health outcomes; minimizing exposure to environmental hazards; and maintaining clean, healthy air, water, and wastewater. Attention to substance use disorders, violence prevention, and social determinants of health are also part of how we measure success in reaching this goal.

My administration is committed to implementing data-informed decision-making as part of the City's organizational culture. Most important is adopting the right measures of performance to keep us on track, since what we measure reflects what we value and shapes how we view our reality and the actions we take to achieve progress. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is a leader in this way of doing business in City government. These are just a few highlights of their progress this past year:

The Department provides online health status information for community use. The epidemiology team assists community partners with health data analysis. For example, collaborating with the Community Health Endowment, the team provided data analysis and maps for the Place Matters project.

The Environmental Public Health Division implemented the HazToGo marketing campaign for Lincoln's new Hazardous Waste Center to increase awareness and use of the facility which provides year-round access for both households and small businesses.

The Department has mobilized community partners to create a Youth Task Force as part of the Tobacco Free Lancaster County coalition to address the dramatic increase in youth vaping.

The Department supports families at an increased risk of poorer outcomes through home visitation and connecting the uninsured by training community agency case workers to assure access to care.

I am grateful to the Department's talented staff and the community's Board of Health who so generously give their time to support the Department's mission. Together, these dedicated professionals and volunteers perform work essential to making Lincoln a safe and healthy place even more people want to call home.

Leirion Gaylor Baird



James Michael Bowers
President

The Lincoln-Lancaster Board of Health is truly proud to serve the residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County by setting the strategic direction for ensuring a healthy community for us all. The Board is composed of community members committed to the mission of protecting and promoting the public's health. We understand that public health is really about everyone, everyday, and everywhere. To this end, the Board closely monitors community health and wellness indicators and provides specialized insight, advice, and recommendations to the Lincoln City Council and the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

We are fortunate to work within a dynamic and collaborative city-county approach that serves as a model of effective public policy and administration. We also execute oversight of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), which continues to rank as a national leader. Department staff build strong community partnerships which contribute to the achievement of shared goals, and the efficient use of resources to improve the public's health.

Staff understand the public health needs of our community and they find innovative and efficient methods to achieve successful results. We are also fortunate to be a part of a community where the Mayor, the Lincoln City Council, and the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners expect and support the best possible health conditions and outcomes for our residents.

The Board of Health is privileged to serve and we welcome input and feedback as we continue to work together to make Lincoln and Lancaster County a healthy community to live and grow!

James Michael Bowers

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