



ACCREDITATION NEWS



WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION?

Accreditation is the measurement of our health department's performance against a set of nationally recognized standards. These standards assess the health department's capacity to deliver the three core functions and ten essential services of public health.

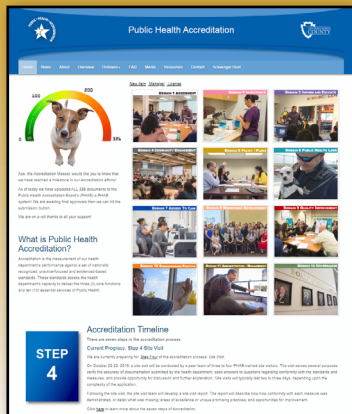


WHAT IS THE GOAL OF ACCREDITATION?

To improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments.

Want to Learn More?

Visit our Accreditation website [HERE](#).



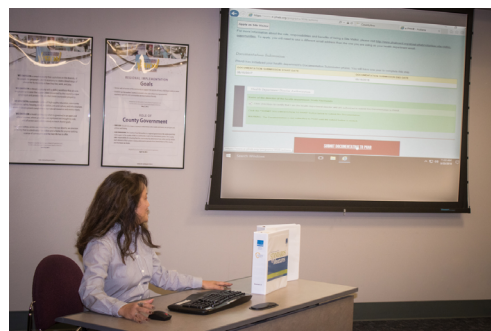
Important Dates Accreditation Site Visit - October 22-23, 2018

All Documents Submitted to ePHAB

On March 23, 2018, staff were invited to participate in person or on the Departments' [Facebook](#) page as the Department "pushed the final submit button" to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

From October 22-23, 2018, a Site Visit Team will be coming to San Bernardino County to verify elements of documentation submitted by the health department, inspect our facilities, conduct multiple interview sessions, and learn more about the department's governance and community partnerships to ensure they have an accurate and complete picture of the department and how we conform to PHAB measures.

The Site Visit Team will be made up of public health peers from across the country who have been selected by PHAB.



Following the site visit, the site visit team will develop a site visit report. The report will describe how conformity with each measure was demonstrated, or detail what was missing; areas of excellence or unique promoting practices; and opportunities for improvement.

Monterey County Accreditation

On July 9, 2018, PHAB announced 3 more agencies that have achieved nationwide Public Health Accreditation, including Monterey County Health Department in Salinas, California.

There are now a total of 13 accredited health departments in the state.



Updated Screensavers

New screensavers are being updated on your computer stations. You will see screensavers featuring news and updates from Accreditation, and throughout the Department. They will be rolling out in the coming weeks.

"Going through the Accreditation process has been a challenging but rewarding experience. It has transformed the way I see things."

Mayra Barcenas, Admin. Project Coordinator
Strategic Plan



Accreditation Fun Facts

- Accreditation was a **multi-year** performance measure for the department
- There were **40** policies/standard of practices that were created/updated to meet Accreditation requirements
- Largest document submitted: **690 pages** (County HR Policies and Procedures)
- Number of hours of technical assistance trainings: **80**
- Number of Domain Champions: **16**
- Number of Subject Matter Experts: **30**
- Number of hours worked on Accreditation: **25,598**
- Trudy has reviewed and approved **every** single document



DPH Employee & Program Spotlight

Kanisha Neal, Regional Breastfeeding Liaison (RBL), from the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program will be spotlighted on the Accreditation website for the month of August.

Please visit the Accreditation website **HERE** to learn more about our amazing programs and co-workers in the Department of Public Health!

Scavenger Hunt

The newest version of the Scavenger Hunt is still available if you have not already completed it. Ace, the Accreditation mascot, will lead you as you search through a variety of pages across our website to find clues and learn something new about Accreditation. There are 3 difficulty levels with 5 questions each.

Also, if you refer a coworker to complete the Scavenger Hunt, you will get an additional prize as a thank you from us.

Click **HERE** to begin the Scavenger Hunt. Good luck!



Do you have a question, comment, or suggestion?

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