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Health Department Awarded Re-Accreditation Designation

Latest site visit extends accreditation thorough 2019

BURLINGTON – The continued commitment to protecting and improving the public’s health in Alamance County has been confirmed once again by state officials.

The Alamance County Health Department has been awarded re-accreditation status by the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation Board at its meeting on December 11.

"Achieving reaccreditation status is a testament to the continued and dedicated work of our public health staff," said Health Director Stacie Saunders. "We are appreciative of our many partners that helped in the process and particularly appreciative of the work of our Agency Accreditation Coordinator, Ariana Lawrence and Environmental Health Director Carl Carroll. At the health department, we take very seriously our mission of protecting and promoting the health of the community we serve."

North Carolina is the first state to mandate accreditation for its local health departments in the country. The purpose of the accreditation program is to assure a basic level of capacity and services in each of the local health departments across the state.

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Since the pilot program involving six local health departments began in 2004, 85 health departments have been accredited in North Carolina. The process of accreditation includes three major components – a self-assessment completed by the agency, a site visit by a multidisciplinary team of peers to review certain performance standards, and determination of accreditation status by an independent Accreditation Board comprised of state and local public health officials, Board of Health members, County Commissioners and public members. The accreditation process is a collaboration of the North Carolina Division of Public Health, part of the Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina Institute for Public Health of the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, with input from the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors.

For more information about the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation program, please visit www.sph.unc.edu/nciph/accred.

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