



## Vilas County Public Health Department

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### **Vilas County Public Health Department Passes Review by State Health Officials**

MADISON—State health officials announced today that the Vilas County Health Department has successfully passed the state’s health department review. As a result, the Vilas County Public Health Department will maintain their Level II status.

“Local public health staff help make their community a healthier place in which to live, play, work, and learn,” said Chuck Warzecha, Deputy Administrator of the Wisconsin Division of Public Health. “The department has an actively engaged and supportive Board of Health, and does an excellent job of collaborating with partner agencies and keeping the community informed of the best ways to stay healthy.”

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is required to formally review the operations of all 86 Wisconsin local health departments at the county or municipality level at least every five years. The review establishes the health department as a level I, II or III agency. All agencies must meet the minimum requirements of a level I health department and agencies must provide an additional 7 to 14 programs or services to meet the requirements of a level II or III health department.

The Vilas County Health Department provides services and programs important to the community, such as:

- Coalition work with community partners on the Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Environmental health monitoring and facility licensing to assure safe food service and lodging.
- The Northwoods Dental Project.

For information about the Vilas County Health Department: visit us online at <https://www.vilaspublichealth.com> or call 715-479-3656.

For information about the state health plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2020, visit: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hw2020/>. For more information about the Wisconsin Health Improvement Planning Process (WI-HIPP) that will meet national accreditation standards, visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hw2020/wi-hipp.htm>

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