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## **Solano County awarded National Accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board**

SOLANO COUNTY — Accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board demonstrates Solano County's commitment to excellence in serving the community and meeting basic needs.

Solano Public Health has been awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Established in 2007, PHAB is the non-profit organization that administers the national accreditation program, which aims to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation.

"We are so pleased to be recognized by PHAB for achieving national standards that encourage effectiveness and promote continuous quality improvement," said Bela T. Matyas, M.D., M.P.H., Solano County Public Health Officer. "This effort was a significant undertaking for public health staff, and I am grateful and proud of the work they have put in over the past years to get Solano Public Health national accreditation. This award recognizes the work performed by Solano Public Health employees every day."

The national accreditation program, which receives support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), sets standards against which the nation's governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. Standards emphasize Foundational Capabilities and are aligned with the 10 Essential Public Health Services. More than 80 percent of the U.S. population now reaps the benefits of being served by a health department that has undergone PHAB's rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it meets a set of quality standards and measures.

"The value of becoming nationally accredited through PHAB extends far beyond the walls of the health department," said PHAB President and CEO Paul Kuehnert, DNP, RN, FAAN. "People living and working in communities served by these health departments can be assured that their health department is strong and has the capacity to protect and promote their health. Just going through the accreditation process itself helps health departments pinpoint the areas that are critical to improving the work they do for their communities."

Public health departments are on the front lines of communities' efforts to protect and promote health and prevent disease and injury. Across the nation, health departments provide services aimed at promoting healthy behaviors; addressing health equity; preventing diseases and injuries; ensuring access to safe food, water, clean air, and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.

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### **About Solano County Public Health**

Solano Public Health prevents the spread of diseases, promotes health and protects the public from health problems and hazards. Public Health staff provides services including conducting public health nurse home visits for moms and babies, providing medical care in our clinics, investigating disease outbreaks, advancing local ordinances to protect residents' health, and preparing for public health emergencies. The division is dedicated to promoting healthy, livable

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communities for Solano residents and community members. Visit [www.SolanoCounty.com/PH](http://www.SolanoCounty.com/PH) for more information and on social media [@SolanoCountyPH](https://www.instagram.com/SolanoCountyPH).

### **About the Public Health Accreditation Board**

The PHAB was created to serve as the national public health accrediting body and is jointly funded by the CDC and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Vital Records/Health Statistics accreditation is funded, in part, by the National Center for Health Statistics. The development of national public health department accreditation has involved, and is supported by, public health leaders and practitioners from the national, state, local, Tribal, and territorial levels. Learn more about PHAB and accreditation at [www.phaboard.org](http://www.phaboard.org), and by [signing up](#) for the PHAB e-newsletter.