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**JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
PASSES REVIEW BY STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS**

MADISON—Dr. Seth Foldy, State Health Officer, today announced that the Jackson County Health and Human Services Department has successfully passed the state’s health department review. As a result, the Jackson County Health and Human Services Department will maintain their Level II status.

“The hard-working staff of the Jackson County Health and Human Services Department help make their community a healthier and safer place to live,” said Foldy. “Their department has an actively engaged and supportive Board of Health, and does an excellent job of collaborating with the community to identify and address critical public health needs – responding to human health hazards and communicable diseases.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is required to formally review the operations of all 92 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. A level I agency meets the minimum requirements and a level III agency meets the maximum requirements established for a local health department.

The Jackson County Health and Human Services Department provides services important to the community, such as:

- Oral Health promotion through dental sealants, exams, education, and water testing.
- Leadership with the Jackson County Tobacco Free Coalition to address a leading cause of death in the county.
- Environmental health protection through inspections of licensed facilities.

For information about the Jackson County Health and Human Services Department, visit:  
<http://www.co.jackson.wi.us/html/healthhuman/healthhuman.html>

For contact information for Wisconsin’s local health departments, visit:  
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/localhealth/>

For information about the state health plan, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 or 2020*, visit:  
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/index.htm>

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