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**COLUMBIA COUNTY DIVISION OF HEALTH PASSES
REVIEW BY STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS**

MADISON—Dr. Seth Foldy, State Health Officer, today announced that the Columbia County Division of Health has successfully passed the state's health department review. As a result, the Columbia County Division of Health will maintain their Level II status.

“The hard-working staff of the Columbia County Division of Health 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 Human Services, and does an excellent job of advocating for public policy that contributes to the health of the people in Columbia County.”

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 Columbia County Division of Health provides services important to the community, such as:

- Preventive health to the Amish community that includes immunizations, fluoride varnish, and physical exams for children.
- WIC - Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Counseling, referral to other services and food drafts for nutritious foods.
- First Breath program for pregnant women, coordinating with Prenatal Care Coordination services and assistance for women to stop smoking.

For information about the Columbia County Division of Health visit:
<http://www.co.columbia.wi.us/ColumbiaCounty/Default.aspx?tabid=327>

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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