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**PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PASSES
REVIEW BY STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS**

MADISON—Dr. Seth Foldy, State Health Officer, today announced that the Pierce County Health Department has successfully passed the state's health department review. As a result, the Pierce County Health Department will increase their Level status from II to III.

“The hard-working staff of the Pierce County Health 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 engaging the Board of Health and community in identifying and addressing health priorities; meeting requirements to protect health and safety of Pierce County residents; and providing strong prevention education.

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 Pierce County Health Department provides services important to the community, such as:

- Leadership in community nutrition and physical activity efforts.
- Broad based environmental health education, investigation and control of human health hazards.
- Strong services for women and children to promote health and prevent disease including WIC, Children with Special Health Care Needs Program, Birth to 3, Prenatal Care Coordination, and Reproductive Health.

For information about the Pierce County Health Department, visit:
http://www.co.pierce.wi.us/PUBLIC%20HEALTH/PH_INDEX.htm

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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