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

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

“The hard-working staff of the Portage 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 community to work collaboratively on priority health problems.”

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

- Leading the Portage County Tobacco-Free Coalition
- Food, lodging and recreational facility inspections
- Childhood lead poisoning prevention

For information about the Portage County Health Department, visit:

<http://www.co.portage.wi.us/hhsd/> or call 715-345-5350

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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