

Public Health Accreditation: Application submitted!
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Community Health Services Department of the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division successfully submitted our application to go through a formal process to obtain public health accreditation. Once the accreditation coordinator has received required training on the e-PHAB system, we will then be on the clock. This means we will have one year to upload “evidence” that demonstrates we successfully meet all standards and measures laid out by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

After documentation upload into e-PHAB, PHAB site visitors will come here to meet with members from our public health accreditation teams, Oneida Comprehensive Health Division leadership, representatives from the Business Committee, some of our public health partners such as representatives from our Environmental Health and Safety Division, and stakeholders- Oneida Community Members. This accreditation process really is a community effort.

What are the benefits of public health accreditation?

*Accreditation provides a means for a public (tribal) health department to identify performance improvement opportunities, enhance management, develop leadership, and strengthen relationship with members of the community. Engaging in the accreditation process will challenge the health department to think about its roles and responsibilities and how it fulfills them. It will encourage and stimulate quality and performance improvement in the health department.

- Better identify strengths and weakness of the health department;
- Document capacity of the health department to deliver the core functions and ten Essential Public Health Services;
- Stimulate transparency;
- Improve management processes used by the health department;
- Improved accountability to community, stakeholders and policy makers;
- Improve communication with the governing entity/ board of health;
- Improve competitiveness for funding.

**Guide to National Public Health Department Initial Accreditation Adopted June 2015*

Currently no Tribes have yet obtained public health accreditation. However, several are strongly on their way. We hope to be one of the Tribes accredited in 2017!

For more information on Oneida’s public health accreditation efforts, please visit our website at <https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/health/community-health-services>. For more information on Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) visit <http://www.phaboard.org>.

