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PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PASSES REVIEW BY STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS

MADISON—State health officials announced today that the Pierce County Health Department has successfully passed the state’s health department review. As a result, the Pierce County Health Department will maintain their Level III status.

“Local public health staff help make their community a healthier place in which to live, play, work, and learn,” said Karen McKeown, State Health Officer. “The department has an actively engaged and supportive Board of Health, and does an excellent job of collaborating with community partners to improve health outcomes for the population by implementing proven, community-based prevention strategies. “

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is required to formally review the operations of all 88 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:

- Community health assessment and improvement planning
- Individual assessment and services including reproductive health, WIC, Birth to 3, home care, immunizations and lead screenings
- Protection against environmental hazards through education consultation and regulation

The department has offices in Ellsworth and River Falls. For more information, call 715-273-6755 or visit our website at www.co.pierce.wi.us.

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For information about the state health plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2020, visit:
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hw2020/>

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