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### **WCHS Public Health Accreditation Site Visits**

*Winnebago, NE* – WCHS has received the dates for their Public Health Accreditation virtual and in-person site visits. The virtual site visit will take place on February 6th, 2024, and the in-person site visit will be on February 13th, 2024. This is the final step in the process of qualifying the WCHS Public Health Department as accredited.

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accredits public health departments to strengthen public health infrastructure and transform governmental public health.

Through public health accreditation and promotion, PHAB supports health departments in their work to promote and protect the health of the communities they serve.

Together, the PHAB and WCHS Public Health Department will work to ensure the health departments are continually improving in line with the nation's public health standards while building health and equity.

The purpose of a site visit is to tour the Winnebago Public Health Department and meet with staff, community partners, and the governing entity. The site visitors will have a chance to ask any questions they may have and hear about all the work the health department is doing. After the site visit, the Winnebago Public Health Department will receive a 'Site Visit Report' outlining what they have seen along with any notes they have made. The report will go to the Public Health Accreditation Board at their next quarterly meeting and a decision will be made at that time as to whether the health department has met all the Standards and Measures for Accreditation.

"We work hard to make sure that we provide the best services we can to our relatives, and becoming accredited is another step in showing that commitment," says Dr. Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer.

Over the past, 30+ years the Winnebago Public Health Department has been committed to creating, providing, and sustaining a healthy community within Winnebago. Across the nation, there are less than 10 tribal health departments that are accredited, so WCHS Winnebago Public Health Department's accreditation will help ensure quality, transparent, and trusted public health services with longevity in our community for generations to come.

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*The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) is dedicated to creating and sustaining a healthy community in Winnebago and all the populations we serve. Our organization provides an integrated approach to medicine by offering care services that are compassionate, innovative, and culturally-centered. Our goal is to lead the nation in health for indigenous people by challenging the culture of healthcare for the 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. The rural healthcare services we provide include renowned acute care hospital services, a robust primary care clinic, and impressive prevention programs designed to educate, encourage, and support the mental, environmental, social, and physical wellness needs of the Winnebago community. Visit [www.wchs.health](http://www.wchs.health) to learn more.*

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