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Health department closed Friday; then re-opening for reception, open house

The Knox County Health Department will celebrate its recent national accreditation with a reception and open house on Friday from 3 – 5 p.m. The reception is open to the public and will include the unveiling of the accreditation plaque at 3:30 p.m.

Additionally, there will be tours of the building, an accreditation scavenger hunt and refreshments.

Prior to the reception and open house, the health department will be closed from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday for training and staff development. No services will be available at this time. The agency will re-open at 2 p.m., followed by the reception and open house at 3 p.m.

The health department was recently recognized as a national accredited health department by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The designation is the culmination of a three-year, multi-faceted, peer review assessment process to ensure the agency meets or exceeds a set of quality standards and measures for public health.

Less than 200 of the nation's 3,000 public health departments have achieved national accreditation. The Knox County Health Department is one of just 24 local health departments in Ohio to be accredited. While it is not a requirement nationally, all 114 health departments in Ohio are mandated to be accredited by 2020. Once a health department is accredited, it will go through a similar process every five years to maintain the designation.

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