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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY MAINTAINS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION STATUS THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD

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Pensacola, Fla. – The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) made the decision to continue accreditation of the Florida Department of Health as an integrated health department for another five years. This seal of accreditation signifies that the unified Florida Department of Health, which includes the State Health Office and the 67 county health departments including the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia), meets or exceeds national standards for public health performance management and continuous quality improvement. The Department demonstrated a focus on accountability and performance to improve the health of communities throughout the state.

“We are pleased to be recognized by PHAB for achieving national standards that align with our mission to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts,” said FDOH-Escambia Health Officer and Administrator Marie Mott. “We look forward to continuing our work to evolve, improve, and advance the most pressing issues and create sustainable solutions for our community.”

PHAB praised the Department for operating as a collaborative and effective integrated system noting that the inter-county collaboration is evident through shared programs and positions across the state. PHAB applauded staff across the integrated system for being highly dedicated, passionate, and proud of their work around improving the health of the communities they serve. PHAB also commended the Department for maintaining a continued commitment to accreditation.

PHAB, the nongovernmental, nonprofit organization that administers the national accrediting program, works to improve and protect the public's health by advancing and transforming the quality and performance of governmental public health departments in the United States.

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About the Florida Department of Health

The Florida Department of Health, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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