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Pueblo City-County Health Department receives national accreditation

Pueblo, CO – The Pueblo City-County Health Department achieved national accreditation through the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#). The Pueblo City-County Health Department is one of fewer than 200 health departments that have thus far achieved accreditation.



“The Pueblo City-County Health Department is proud to achieve accreditation, as it is a process designed to ensure the programs and services provided are highly responsive to the needs of Pueblo County. The Pueblo City-County Health Department takes the health of Pueblo’s community seriously and appreciates this validation of the Department’s continual efforts,” stated Sylvia Proud, public health director at the Pueblo City-County Health Department.

Proud added, “With accreditation, the Pueblo City-County Health Department is demonstrating increased accountability and credibility to the public, funders, elected officials, and partner organizations with which we work.

Similar to hospitals, law enforcement, and fire departments, in order to receive accreditation, the Health Department underwent a demanding assessment process to ensure it meets or exceeds a set of quality standards. Public health accreditation launched in 2011. Two local public health agencies and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment have achieved accreditation in Colorado: El Paso County Public Health and Mesa County Health Department.

Public health departments play a critical role in protecting and improving the health of people and communities. In cities, towns, and states across the nation, health departments provide a range of services aimed at promoting healthy behaviors; preventing diseases and injuries; ensuring access to safe food, water, clean air, and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.

The national accreditation program is jointly supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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