



Lincoln-Lancaster County
Health Department

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+2024-2025 Annual Report

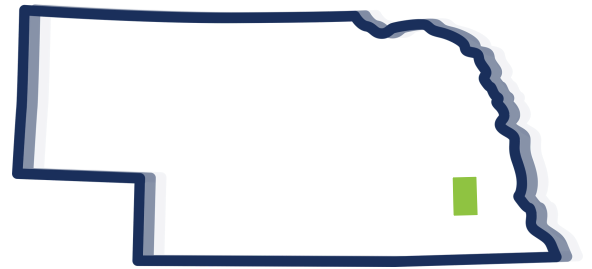
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD)

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183 employees
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323,673 residents
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CHIP Priorities:

- ▶ Access to Care
- ▶ Addressing Depression
- ▶ Suicide Prevention



1 metro county
Lancaster County



1 of 9
Nebraska LHDs
nationally
accredited by PHAB



5.65
FTEs per 10,000
(Nat'l average is 5.6)



15%
of adults report fair to
poor health

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—Kerry Kernen, Health Director
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Examples of Foundational Public Health Services



1,287 families served by home visitation programs

Maternal, Child, & Family Health

LLCHD provides home visitation services through the Healthy Families America and Family Connects (Universal Home Visitation Model) to families in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Home visitation services provide a strong foundation for a healthy start for infants and children, support family well-being and build capacity for a bright future.



22,851 participants in prevention programs

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Health Promotion staff implemented a proper vape disposal project in area schools along with youth tobacco cessation and education on the impact nicotine has on mental health. Three Youth Sports Sign-Up Events were organized with community partners to increase the accessibility of affordable youth sports.



2,446 food service inspections completed

Environmental Health

In Lancaster County, we protect and promote the environmental health and safety of residents by ensuring healthy childcare environments, preventing illness through food safety and mosquito and tick surveillance, responding to HazMat spills, ensuring good air and water quality, and recommending safer options for disposing of hazardous waste.



10,318 residents served by oral health programs

Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

The Health Department's Dental Program serves low-income, uninsured pregnant women, children, and adults, and those enrolled in Medicaid, who often have limited access to affordable dental care, regular dental services, or other barriers such as language needs.



17,556 vaccinations given

Communicable Disease Control

Safe and effective vaccines play a critical role in overall health at any age. LLCHD's public health clinic provides vaccinations for children and adults in its public health clinic and at community-based events to protect against vaccine-preventable diseases, improve community immunity and support refugee and other underserved populations.

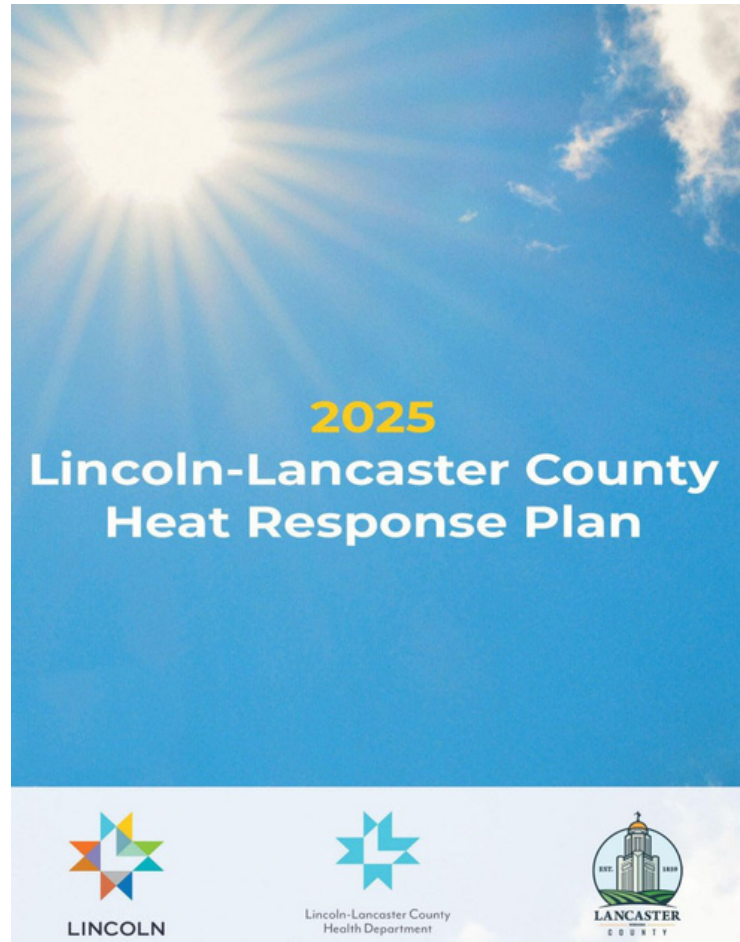
From the Director

It's been a highly productive year at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department as we launched several new public health initiatives that advance our mission of protecting and promoting the public's health. We've lifted priorities in our Community Health Improvement Plan, focusing on mental health. The "6 Pillars for Emotional Wellbeing – A Parent's Guide" is a new video series designed to help families build healthy rhythms and routines into everyday life that support youth emotional health. This is a resource created by our community for our community. The series features local and national health experts, partners, and parents. It focuses on six core elements: sleep, physical activity, nutrition/hydration, relational connectedness, mastery, and quieting. Watch and learn more – lincoln.ne.gov/6Pillars.

Simultaneously, the Health Department and health system partners launched CredibleMind. This online mental wellbeing platform provides community members with access to evidence-based mental health resources. CredibleMind is a tool that can be used to better understand and take charge of our own mental wellbeing. It's a one-stop shop to learn new skills, take assessments, and find helpful information and local resources. It's free, confidential, and available 24/7. Visit myhealthymind.crediblemind.com.

We know extreme heat can be dangerous and pose a threat to people's health. The Health Department created a Heat Response Plan to help the community prepare for and respond to extreme heat events and help residents stay safe as temperatures rise. The plan lays out clear action steps for the City and County, partners, and residents during extreme heat, including offering extended hours at cooling centers, heat relief kits, and helpful information and resources. View the plan and learn more at lincoln.ne.gov/Heat.

Working collaboratively with partners and the community is creating real change that's leading to a healthier and safer Lincoln and Lancaster County.



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