



## Dickinson-Iron District Health Department

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### News Release

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### Immediate Release

#### ***Dickinson-Iron District Health Department Gains Accreditation Status***

Iron River and Kingsford, Michigan – February 25, 2020. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has conferred accreditation status on the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department. This designation is awarded to local health departments that fully meet all essential accreditation requirements and is valid until the Michigan Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture and Rural Development, and Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy effect a subsequent decision pursuant to recommendations by the Accreditation Commission.

“I’m very pleased with and proud of our staff at the Health Department,” said Daren Deyaert, Director and Health Officer of the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department. “This accreditation status truly belongs to them. It’s through their efforts, hard work, and dedication to improve the health of our communities that we are able to pass these rigorous reviews.”

The review process comprises a week-long, on-site review by a team of reviewers from MDHHS. This occurs after MDHHS reviewers spend months reviewing procedure manuals and protocols submitted in advance by the Health Department. The reviewers focus on core health department programs, evaluating them against 151 different program indicators. The designation is good until the next on-site review, scheduled for September of 2022.

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