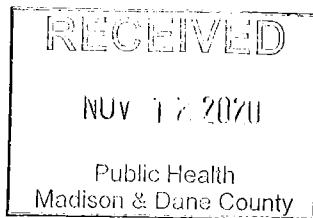


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Dr. Jerry Halverson, Chair
Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
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Madison, WI 53703

Dear Dr. Halverson:

The Department of Health Services (DHS) congratulates Public Health Madison & Dane County for demonstrating the infrastructure and program capacity to be certified as a Level III health department. I am happy to report Public Health Madison & Dane County met all of the criteria reviewed by the DHS review team.

The DHS 140 review is an opportunity to assess quality improvement opportunities in addition to Wisconsin statute and rule compliance. This focus helps assure a strong statewide public health system. During this time of limited capacity for local health departments and DHS, we are reviewing health departments with the goals of maintaining legal compliance and reducing regulatory stress. DHS anticipates returning to quality improvement focused reviews in either 2021 or 2022. Public Health Madison & Dane County and the 21 other local health departments who will undergo these limited capacity reviews will be the first departments given a quality improvement review.

I want to acknowledge the work of the Public Health Madison & Dane County staff. Janel Heinrich, health officer, did an excellent job of representing and explaining the work of the health department. The stress of operating a health department and the demands on public health directors and professionals have increased exponentially during this state and global pandemic. I applaud the dedicated efforts of Janel and the Public Health Madison & Dane County staff to keep your jurisdiction healthy and safe.

I also appreciate the support of the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County for maintaining a strong public health department. Pandemic response has potentially caused you and your jurisdiction to think about public health issues you may have not considered before. I am sure with ongoing support for evidence-based quality public health initiatives by you and your fellow board of health members, Public Health Madison & Dane County will continue to protect and promote the health of the people in your jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Smiley
Interim State Health Officer & Division Administrator

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Satya Rhodes-Conway, City of Madison Mayor
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