

National Accreditation



In Spring 2020, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Montgomery Township Health Department became one of the first health departments in New Jersey to be accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board \(PHAB\)](#). To receive accreditation, the Department had undergone a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process over several years to ensure it met or exceeded a set of quality [standards and measures](#). The mission of the voluntary national accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing and ultimately transforming the quality and performance of the nation's state, Tribal,

local, and territorial public health departments.

Assessments

PHAB's initial accreditation assesses a health department's capacity to carry out the ten Essential Public Health Services; manage an effective health department; and, maintain strong and effective communications with the governing entity.

About the Accreditation

What is public health department accreditation?

- The measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused, and evidenced-based standards.
- The issuance of recognition of the achievement of accreditation within a specified time frame by a nationally recognized entity.
- The continual development, revision, and distribution of public health standards.