JEFFERSON COUNTY General Health District

Prevent. Promote. Protect.

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE November 20, 2025

Contact: Andrew Henry
740-283-8530

Jefferson County General Health District Awarded
National Accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board

STEUBENVILLE, OH – The Jefferson County General Health District (JCGHD) today announced it has been awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Established in 2007, PHAB is the non-profit organization that administers the national accreditation program, which aims to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation.

Achieving national initial accreditation status marks years of continuous effort from JCGHD staff and the Board of Health. “We hope this announcement will reassure our community, partners, funders and our elected officials that the services we provide are as responsive as possible and are meeting the foundational needs of our community,” said Andrew Henry, Health Commissioner. It’s fitting that the PHAB accreditation status is announced today as November 20 is National Rural Health Day. This day is an opportunity to honor the incredible efforts of rural health providers, communities, organizations, and stakeholders dedicated to addressing the unique health needs of rural America. The JCGHD takes great pride in serving a county of mixed urban and rural communities.

Often called the “backbone” of the public health system, local public health departments are on the front lines of communities’ efforts to protect and promote health and prevent disease and injury. PHAB-accredited health departments demonstrate great leadership by working on continuous quality improvement initiatives in public health, with the ultimate goal of advancing the services they provide to their communities.

PHAB’s rigorous accreditation process measures health departments against a set of nationally recognized, evidence-based standards. PHAB works to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. PHAB’s accreditation program, which receives support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sets standards against which the nation’s governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. "National accreditation through PHAB has benefits that

extend far beyond the health department itself," said PHAB President and CEO Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MD, MPH, FACEP. " The accreditation process helps health departments identify key areas for improvement, ensuring they provide the highest level of service to their communities. With this accomplishment, communities served by accredited health departments can trust that their department is strong, capable, and committed to protecting and promoting public health."

###

About the Jefferson County General Health District
The mission of the JCGHD is to provide public health services focused on community wellness, disease prevention and protection where Jefferson County residents live, work, learn and play. To learn more, visit www.jchealth.com or contact the JCGHD at info@jchealth.com.

About the Public Health Accreditation Board
The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing public health practice. Created to serve as the national accrediting body for public health departments, PHAB is supported by the CDC and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. To learn more, visit www.phaboard.org or contact PHAB Communications at communications@phaboard.org.