West Central District Health Department is locally governed and serves all 37,605 residents in Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Thomas, Hooker, and Arthur Counties.

Our Priorities
Public health priority areas included in our current Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):

- Affordable and equitable access to care and services
- Healthy lifestyles/wellbeing
- Community collaboration

COVID-19 Local Progress

Over the last two years, health departments have been the frontlines of the COVID-19 response.

19.9% West Central
30.7% Nebraska
29.2% National

Source: Centers for Disease Control COVID Data Tracker, as of March 25, 2022

What Influences Health?

40% Social & Economic Factors
10% Physical Environment
30% Individual Health Behaviors
20% Health Care

80% of what influences health and wellbeing occurs outside of the clinical care setting - in homes, workplaces, schools, and communities.

Local health departments (LHDs) are Chief Health Strategists - partnering across sectors to promote safety, prevention, and wellness to address that 80%.
Revenues

- State 1008 COVID-19: 38%
- State Sustained (LB 1060, 692, 585, etc.): 24%
- State Other (including Federal pass-through): 23%
- Grants and Contracts: 2%
- Fee for Service: 12%
- Local: 1%

Total Revenues: $1,628,650

Worth the investment.

Every $1 invested in prevention saves $5.60 in health care costs!

Per Capita Expenditures

- National: $41
- Health Department: $38

Workforce Shortages

- FTEs per 10,000 people
  - 2013: 6.8
  - 2014: 4.9
  - 2015: 6.1
  - 2016: 6.2
  - 2017: 2.9
  - 2018: 4.0

Expenditures

- COVID-19 Response: 49%
- Administrative: 19%
- Immunizations: 17%
- Preparedness: 7%
- Chronic Disease Prevention: 5%
- Public Health System Strategy: 1%
- Quality Improvements: 1%
- Oral Health: 1%

Total Expenditures: $1,411,061

Our Team

- 18 Staff
- 14 FTEs

Gender:
- 6% Male
- 94% Female

Race:
- 100% White

Ethnicity:
- 11% Hispanic/Latino
- 89% Not Hispanic/Latino

This profile was developed by the Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors. Local and state level data were retrieved from a survey sent out in December of 2021 and completed by 19 NALHD member health departments. Population data were taken from 2020 Census Data from the United States Census Bureau. For more information go to www.nalhd.org.