

ALLEGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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**ALLEGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT EARNED NATIONAL AND STATE
RECOGNITION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Allegan County – Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) along with six other health departments in Michigan earned national and state recognitions of their Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) certifications. Local health departments recognized by PPHR undergo a rigorous evaluation by peer review to assess their ability to meet a set of national standards for public health preparedness. These standards align with federal government requirements and other national best practices. Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) is a unique partnership between National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“PPHR enhanced our capabilities to work with other sectors, to build community resilience and effectively prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies in Allegan County.” Allegan County Health Officer, Angelique Joynes, RN, MPH said, “our national and state recognitions in emergency preparedness reflects the amount of dedication and effort of our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Kathy Yonkers-Wright, RDH, MS”

In addition, Allegan County Health Department was presented with The Jean Chabut Health Policy Champion award for their dedication and excellence in advocating and promoting public health emergency preparedness in their community. The other award winners were these PPHR recognized health departments, Barry-Eaton District Health Department, Calhoun County Health Department, Ionia County Health Department, Kent County Health Department and Van Buren/Cass Community Health Department. The State of Michigan’s Special Tribute was signed by Rick Snyder, Governor, Cindy Gamrat, State Representative and Tonya Schuitmaker, State Senator on Monday, April 15, 2015. The award was presented by the Michigan Public Week Partnership consisting of the following organizations.



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