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County Rankings Show Success to Build Upon

Rankings recognize successes and opportunities

A new report from the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute ranks Adair County 39th out of Iowa's 99 counties. The *County Health Rankings* were developed through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

"The *Rankings* represent an opportunity to recognize and build upon our successes," said Stephanie Claussen, Community Health Coordinator. "Health assessment and planning are important, ongoing processes. The *Rankings*, along with the data collected here in Adair County and at the state level, will allow us to meet the ever-changing challenges of promoting and protecting the health of our residents."

A success that was identified in the rankings include physical environment which includes air quality, access to healthy foods and recreational facilities. A gap identified in Adair County's health was clinical care which includes uninsured adults, primary care providers, preventable hospital stays, diabetic screenings and mammograms.

"Both our successes and gaps show the need for ongoing investment in public health," Claussen added. "We will continue to work with stakeholders in our county to form public and private partnerships to improve the health of all residents."

The *County Health Rankings* were compiled by taking into account a wide range of health factors, including health behavior, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment. For more information about the *County Health Rankings*, visit www.countyhealthrankings.org. For information about public health in Adair County, visit www.adaircountyhealthsystem.org or contact Stephanie Claussen at 641-743-6173.

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