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To: Local Health Directors
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SUBJECT: Epidemiology Support to Assist Local Health Departments in Meeting Accreditation Requirements

As part of the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation process, local health departments must demonstrate that their agencies provide core functions and essential services of public health. From the health department self-assessment document, Essential Service 2 ("diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community") includes a requirement that "local health departments shall have access to, and consult with a Masters or Doctoral level epidemiologist when necessary to fully investigate and diagnose health problems and hazards within the community."

In order to assist local health departments in providing this essential service, the Epidemiology Section provides consultative epidemiologic support services to local health departments through the State Epidemiologist and members of the epidemiology on-call staff in the Communicable Disease Branch of the Epidemiology Section of the NC Division of Public Health.

Epidemiologic support is available by calling 919-733-3419, available 24/7. Calls are answered by the epidemiologist on-call during regular office hours (Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm). After hours and on holidays and weekends, the same number will instruct the caller how to reach the epidemiologist on-call.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

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