

PHAB Key Messages

- The **goal** of national public health accreditation is to improve and protect public health by advancing the quality and performance of all health departments in the United States.
- To **achieve accreditation**, we had to undergo a rigorous, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure we met or exceeded 97 separate quality measures, and have to commit to continuous quality improvement.
- We're **one of only three** public health agencies in Washington that has achieved accreditation (the others are the Washington State DOH and Spokane Regional Health District). As of May 2015 when we received accreditation, **only 75 out of 3,000** nationally had earned PHAB accreditation.