

# Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program

## On-Site Reviewer

### *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)*

The Accreditation program has 47 on-site reviewers who hail from twelve program areas representing three separate state departments. A smaller team of reviewers spend one week every three years at each of Michigan's 45 local health departments (LHD) reviewing their administrative capacity, public health operations and categorical grant-funded services. Formal face-to-face communication is provided to on-site reviewers three times a year. At these meetings, reviewers receive program updates, learn and provide input into new policy, share common practices, interact with LHD leadership and gain insight into national accreditation initiatives. This document serves as a primer of basic accreditation questions. Click on the question to link to the answer. This method was designed as a large amount of information is already created and on the internet. The FAQ file will grow as your questions grow. Please send feedback on how to improve this file to [Lynne Stauff](#).



### Accreditation Basics

- What is the [mission](#) of the Accreditation Program?
- What are the [benefits](#) of Accreditation?
- What are the [accreditation program sections](#)?
- Where is the [accreditation tool](#) (manual)?
- What is the timeline for [development of Michigan's accreditation program](#)?
- How are the [minimum program requirements](#) and Indicators modified?

### Accreditation Structure

- What is the [Accreditation Commission](#)?
- What is the [Accreditation Quality Improvement Process workgroup](#)?

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**Michigan's Public Health System**

- How many [local health departments](#) are in Michigan and where are they located?
- Who are the [local health officers](#) and medical directors?
- What are the authorities and responsibilities of Michigan's [state](#) public health department and the [local](#) health departments?
- What is [public health](#) and how do [public health activities](#) help citizens' everyday?

**Logistics**

- When are the [Cycle 4 \(2009-2011\) on-site reviews](#)?
- What are the [three steps of an on-site review accreditation process](#) ?
- How do reviewers conduct an [exit interview](#) (p. 68)?
- Where do reviewers enter their [report](#) online?

**Reviewer Education, Communication and Support**

- When do reviewers meet face-to-face?  
2009 – January 30, May 22 and September 18, 9:30-12:00 Noon at the Michigan Public Health Institute [Interactive Learning Center](#)
- How do reviewers become involved with [planning reviewer meetings](#)?
- How do reviewers [receive standard consistent communication](#) (pg. 56)?
- Who do reviewers contact with questions on Accreditation program [logistics](#) and operations?
- Who do reviewers contact with questions about Accreditation program [administration](#)?

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- How do reviewers learn more about [quality improvement for public health](#)?

**National Voluntary Accreditation**

- What is the [Voluntary National Accreditation Program](#)?
- What is the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#)?
- What is Michigan's [Multi-State Learning Collaborative-3](#)?

**Partners**

- What is the [Michigan Association for Local Public Health](#)?
- What is the [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#)?
- What is the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#)?
- What is the [American Public Health Association](#)?