

Tony Evers
Governor

Karen E. Timberlake
Secretary



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

1 WEST WILSON STREET
PO BOX 2659
MADISON WI 53701-2659

Telephone: 608-266-1251
Fax: 608-267-2832
TTY: 711 or 800-947-3529

November 30, 2021

RECEIVED DEC 01 2021

Supervisor John Meyers, Chair
Iowa County Board of Supervisors
3110 County Road K
Barneveld, WI 53507

Dear Chairman Meyers and Iowa County Board Supervisors,

The month of November is a time of year during which we reflect on what we are grateful for and make the time to express our gratitude. I am grateful for the local partners who support public health through their leadership and advocacy.

The leadership you demonstrated to ensure recognition of your workforce for all they have given in the response to the pandemic bolsters their resolve to continue supporting communities in their response and recovery efforts. By supporting Health Officer Siegenthaler and championing the COVID-19 Response Resolution, you publicly recognized the dedication and determination of the public health workforce in Iowa County. Your unity alongside Health Officer Siegenthaler demonstrates your support of the health and safety of Iowa County residents. Ultimately, the County Board voting unanimously to approve the COVID-19 Response Resolution strongly supports the steps your county is taking toward response to and recovery from the pandemic.

Your recognition of the skill and resilience that Iowa County employees, including public health staff, partners, and volunteers, have shown while facing challenges, meeting the needs of communities across the county, and preparing for future public health crises goes a long way in supporting the county's workforce and health of the public.

A strong public health system flourishes when it has strong partnerships across all sectors. We are grateful for your partnership with public health. As noted in the recent press release about Iowa County's top performer status in slowing the spread of COVID-19, public health has long been, and will continue to be, a team effort. Thank you for your leadership to create a healthy environment in Iowa County to support vibrant communities. Your support and actions create opportunities for everyone to live their best life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paula Tran', with a long, flowing horizontal line extending to the right.

Paula Tran
State Health Officer and Administrator
Division of Public Health

C: Linda Pittz, Iowa County Board of Health Chair
Larry Bierke, Iowa County Administrator
Debbie Siegenthaler, Iowa County Health Officer
Jonette Arms, DPH Assistant Administrator
Jennifer Rombalski, Office of Policy and Practice Alignment Director