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TO: Local Health Directors  
Preparedness Coordinators  
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FROM: Zack Moore, MD   
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SUBJECT: Epidemiology Support to Assist Local Health Departments Meet  
Accreditation Requirements

As part of the NC Local Health Department Accreditation process, local health departments must meet the agency core functions and essential services in order to become accredited. From the health department self-assessment document, Essential Service 2: Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community includes benchmark 4.3 which denotes 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 to comply with this benchmark, the Epidemiology Section can provide 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, NC Division of Public Health.

Contact for epidemiologic support is available by calling 919.733.3419 on a 24/7 basis. The calls are directed to the epidemiologist on-call during regular office hours Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. After hours, 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 me at 919-546-1725.

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