



## Maricopa County Department of Public Health



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Dear Colleague in Health,

It's been quite a ride. I've been working in public health for more than 30 years, the last 12 of which have been here, leading the dedicated people of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. Now, it's finally time for me to call it a day. I'm retiring at the end of January, giving way to others with more energy, so we can continue on this journey of building a healthier, safer community.

I have had the honor and privilege of working side by side with amazing people representing all sectors of community service (government, non-profit, for-profit, faith-based, education, on and on) with the mutual vision of enhancing the lives of our residents. I sincerely thank you for all that you do to make our community better and urge you to keep up the good fight, even through the tumultuous times we often face.

As for MCDPH, Max Porter, our current deputy director, will become Acting Director with Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine, our current medical director for disease control at his side for medical and public health support. Our goal is to keep the department on the same path, increasingly move toward solutions based on policy, systems, and environmental approaches, continue to fill gaps with direct services when we can make a positive impact, and never miss a beat in protecting the community from communicable diseases and public health emergencies. And more and more, doing it all through a health equity lens.

It has been the honor of my life to have played this role alongside all of you. I'm thankful for the partnership you've shown us, and confident that it will continue. We are all doing such great work, and the best is yet to come.

Sincerely,

Bob England, MD, MPH  
Director  
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In 2016, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health received accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. For more information on this achievement, please visit [phaboard.org](http://phaboard.org).