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*The mission of the BCDPH is to protect and promote health in Boone County.*

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**Health Department Initiates a Community Conversation**

The Boone County Health Department invites Boone County residents to join us on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at 1212 Logan Ave., Belvidere to initiate a Community Conversation about our role in the protection of the public's health.

We will use this opportunity to connect with our community to explain the current status of our funding, our programs, and the staff that are in place to run those programs.

"When we are doing our job, our community's water is safe to drink, food served to the public is safe to eat and our families are protected from highly contagious and sometimes life threatening illness," said Amanda Mehl, Boone County Health Department's Administrator. "But, we often fly under radar, and that means that the work that we do promoting health, preventing the spread of disease, and protecting our 54,000 residents is sometimes not evident to the general public. That's why we are hosting this informal Community Conversation to share our mission and vision, and let our residents get to know us better," Mehl said.

In addition, the Health Department is encouraging residents to submit any questions they have regarding the department and its functions. Send your questions by October 27<sup>th</sup> to [info@boonehealth.org](mailto:info@boonehealth.org) or message us on Facebook at Boone County Health Department.

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