

Bladen County Health Department

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TITLE: PUBLIC ACCESS TO COMMUNITY HEALTH DATA

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POLICY:

The public shall have free and ready access to data describing the health status of Bladen County residents.

PURPOSE:

To describe health status in Bladen County by providing data on: 1) births, 2) deaths, 3) infant mortality, 4) incidence of teen pregnancy, and 5) patient and client use of the Bladen County Health Department (BCHD) programs and services.

PROCEDURE:

1. BCHD will post this policy and procedures on its website.
2. The BCHD website will provide links to websites managed by reliable organizations that provide data on births, deaths, infant mortality, and the incidence of teen pregnancy in Bladen County.
3. BCHD will provide data on patient and client use of BCHD programs and services when it receives written requests specifying
 - a) the data being requested,
 - b) the period of time for which data is needed, and
 - c) the requestor's name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number. Written responses will be made within two weeks of receiving the request.

Requests that seek the name, address, or other identifying patient information will not be honored.

All requests should be mailed to: Bladen County Health and Human Services Agency Director
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