

## ALABAMA

### Scott Harris, MD, MPH

#### State Health Officer

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A graduate of Harding University in Arkansas, Dr. Harris attended medical school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Medicine and served his residency and internship at Carraway Methodist Medical Center before returning to UAB for an infectious disease fellowship. HIV was a part of his practice when he worked at the 1917 Clinic and VA Hospital HIV Clinic.

In 1996, he moved to Decatur where he practiced infectious disease medicine, including working with tuberculosis patients. In 2005, he became medical director at the Decatur-Morgan Community Free Clinic. The non-profit clinic offers health care and dental care at no charge to low income, medically uninsured local residents. The clinic relies heavily on volunteers, including community members.

A volunteer physician himself, Dr. Harris has served on many international medical missions to Central America, South America, and Africa. He joined the Alabama Department of Public Health in 2015 as Area Health Officer for seven North Alabama counties, where he gained experience in working with other areas of public health including environmental services, rabies control, and emergency preparedness.

Dr. Harris was appointed State Health Officer in February 2018.

