

West Virginia | Mark McDaniel, DO, FAAFP

Acting State Health Officer

West Virginia Department of Health

Dr. Mark E. McDaniel, DO, FAAFP, has been selected by Secretary of Health Dr. Arvin Singh to serve as the State Health Officer. Dr. McDaniel brings more than 25 years of multidisciplinary medical experience in addition to a dual career in military and civilian healthcare leadership.

Dr. McDaniel joined the Air Force in 1996 as a Captain while in his Family Medicine residency program in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He then entered active duty in 1998 and was stationed at Keesler AFB, Miss. in the Family Medicine Clinic where he started the first Air Force Osteopathic Manipulation Clinic. Dr. McDaniel attended the Aerospace Medicine Primary Course in 2000, where he became a Flight Surgeon. From there, he was transferred to the United Kingdom.



During his career he has deployed to various austere locations, including: Oman, Afghanistan, Iraq, Djibouti, and Mozambique. He also served at NATO Air Bases in Geilenkirchen, Belgium; Stavanger, Norway; and Incirlik, Turkey.

After his active-duty commitment, he joined the Air Force Reserves and served with the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron in Biloxi, Miss., and then as an Air Force Reserve Individual Medical Augmentee Physician. He later joined the Air National Guard at the 130th Medical Group in Charleston, West Virginia., where he served as the Chief of Clinical Medicine, the Chief of Aerospace Medicine, and the W.Va military Joint Interagency Task Force-Vaccine Physician Advisor during the Covid-19 pandemic. He recently retired at the rank of Colonel as the State Air Surgeon for the West Virginia Air National Guard, advising on health policy for more than 2,000 service members.

In his civilian capacity, Dr. McDaniel is a Regional Medical Supervisor for AFC Urgent Care Centers in North Carolina and Virginia as well as a Regional Medical Director for LabCorp Inc. He is also Medical Director for Pathways Inc. in Ashland, Kentucky, and a managing owner of Mountain State Recovery Center in Charleston, West Virginia.

He is married to Rebecca McDaniel and has three children: Ryan, Alexis, and Tyler.