

SOUTH CAROLINA

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Dr. Brannon Traxler currently serves as interim director of Public Health for the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). In this capacity, she provides strategic direction for public health, leading its more than 1,900 public health employees. She ensures the delivery of appropriate, timely and quality services at DHEC's 74 public health service sites, located in every county in the state and the performance of the central office bureaus of Community Health Services, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, Maternal and Child Health, Health Improvement and Equity, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, Public Health Laboratory, Public Health Preparedness and Community Nutrition Services.



A native of Greenville, SC, Dr. Traxler most recently served as the Chief Medical Officer for the state's COVID-19 response. She is trained and board certified in general surgery and previously practiced as a surgeon in South Carolina before changing her specialty focus to public health. Dr. Traxler completed residency in general surgery at Greenville Health System in Greenville, SC and fellowship in breast surgery at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Traxler earned her medical degree from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and her Master of Public Health degree from George Washington University. She received her undergraduate degree in microbiology at the Clemson University Honors College.