

Alaska | Heidi Hedberg, BA

Commissioner

Alaska Department of Health

Commissioner Hedberg moved to Alaska in 1995, upon her enrollment at Alaska Pacific University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Since then, she has immersed herself in the state's health landscape, leveraging her expertise and passion to drive initiatives, earning respect along the way as she has lead teams to break through silos, enhance the health of our communities and shape the future of health policy. Her professional portfolio is distinguished by a diverse array of accomplishments, ranging from leading responses to public health emergencies to improving access to healthcare and implementing efficiency measures within healthcare systems. Commissioner Heidi Hedberg has been an integral part of Alaska's public health landscape since 2009, when she first embarked on her journey within the State's Division of Public Health. Her energy and expertise propelled her through various roles, culminating in her appointment as Director of Public Health in 2019 and then to Commissioner in 2023.



This trajectory underscores her profound dedication to advancing the health and well-being of Alaskans.

Prior to her tenure in state government, Heidi thrived for twelve years in collaborative efforts with various non-profit organizations, listening to additional perspectives to gain a deeper understanding of the health needs of Alaskans. This investment served as a pivotal foundation for her subsequent endeavors, fostering valuable skills and reinforcing her steadfast commitment to public service.

Commissioner Hedberg's focus on prevention measures, increasing transparent communication and leading by example continue to make a lasting impact on Alaska's public health infrastructure.