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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE HOURS

Due to the current budget impasse in Springfield, funding for human service and public health programs is currently on hold. Local health departments statewide are feeling the pinch and many are forced to reduce hours and services due to current funding lags.

The Logan County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) is no different and will be making operational adjustments to meet the current financial challenges. Starting Friday, October 16, 2015, the department will be closing its doors on Fridays at noon. By reducing hours of operation, the department plans to decrease expenses to make up for the current lack of funding.

Don Cavi, Public Health Administrator, states "the reduction in hours is minimal and is only intended to be temporary to allow the department to remain financially viable while the budget crisis persists. Serving the public and assuring a healthy community is a top priority and fortunately we will still be accessible to meet our client's needs by continuing operations for 90 percent of our normal business hours."

The reduction in business hours will not impact the number of services that the department offers and the clinic will continue operations as usual. "This is vitally important

considering we are entering the flu season and we want to be sure to meet the vaccination needs for everyone." Cavi states.

The department thanks the community for its support and strives to continue to provide quality services as Logan County's public health provider. The department hours are currently Monday through Friday 7:30am – 4:30pm. Starting October 16<sup>th</sup>, department hours will be Monday through Thursday 7:30am-4:30 pm and Fridays 7:30am – noon. The department plans again to notify the public once regular operation hours resume. For a complete listing of services offered by the Logan County Department of Public Health, you can log onto WWW.LCDPH.ORG.

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