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An Interview with Sean Eifert

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Sean Eifert was born July 1974 in Rushville, Illinois. He grew up in Hancock County, graduating from Plymouth High School (now Southeastern) in 1992. Following graduation, he went on to Western Illinois University in Macomb, where he earned BA and MA degrees in sociology. Prior to accepting a position at Bond County Health Department, Eifert worked in a variety of roles, from counselor to case manager. In 2016, he became the administrator of the Bond County Health Department.

This interview covers Bond County Health Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to September 2021. Eifert discusses the full scope of Bond County Health Department's role throughout the pandemic. This includes a broad variety of outreach and communication between the Bond County Health Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Eifert reviews tracking COVID-19 cases, vaccination efforts and partnerships with schools, hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants and local government officials. He describes the challenges associated with being in a rural county in the more urban EMS Region 4. Eifert also details the way the pandemic will continue to impact Bond county and Eifert's experiences with the pandemic on a personal level.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Bond County Health Department; COVID-19 pandemic; Illinois Department of Public Health; contact tracing; COVID-19 vaccines.

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