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An Interview with Jerrod Welch

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Tumultuous 2020 Oral History Project

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Jerrod Welch, Adams County Health Department Administrator, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Tumultuous 2020* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Jerrod Welch was born in Quincy, Illinois, in 1977, but grew up in Hannibal, Missouri. He attended Hannibal High School and was active in baseball, golf, and football. He graduated in 1996 and began attending Truman State University to study business administration, graduating in 2001. He continued his education at Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky, and earned a Master of Public Health in 2006. In Kentucky, he worked in a public water department, hospital lab, and the Environmental Protection Agency. In 2006, Welch returned to Quincy to become the Adams County Director of Clinical and Environmental Health. In 2012, he was selected to become the Adams County Health Department Administrator.

Welch discusses during the interview the different challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic brought to Adams County through his experiences as the Health Department Administrator. Welch opens up with a description of the health department and the services they provide. He details the different ways that the health department maintained those services and added to them throughout the pandemic. Welch describes the challenges of creating an infrastructure for contact tracing, setting up mass vaccination sites, and working with two bordering Missouri counties. Welch closes by sharing his personal experience with the pandemic.

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