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### **9Health Announces Operational Changes**

**Denver, Co.** – For the last 40 years, 9Health’s mission has been to empower Colorado residents and families to support their health through preventive care and health awareness and education. Since our founding, 9Health has established a unique and trusted presence in Colorado communities, developing key strengths in health education, health literacy, and consumer engagement that empowers our state’s residents and supports their health.

Earlier this year as COVID-19 began impacting our community, 9Health actively worked to reschedule the spring health fairs while providing information and resources to help Coloradans stay healthy. Given the continuing impacts from COVID-19, our 9Health Board of Trustees has decided to temporarily reduce operations in order to strategically assess and reinvent the organization to serve the health needs of Colorado now and in the future.

“Our Board is looking toward the future and finding additional community partners to help us carry the work of 9Health forward,” said David MacLeod, chair of the 9Health Board of Trustees. “We have great confidence in our core staff to navigate this unprecedented circumstance and create a bright future that will continue to serve our mission.”

“Like many non-profits and businesses, we have experienced a changing landscape and financial hardship due to the COVID-19 global pandemic,” added CEO Gary Drews. “We have made great strides in evolving to meet the changing needs of the community with the many years of experience and valuable assets we are fortunate to have. We will continue to focus on building our next phase, and are very optimistic about the future of 9Health as it is needed now more than ever.”

9NEWS has been a proud sponsor and partner to 9Health, providing financial and media support to launch the first 9Health Fair in 1980. Since then, 9Health has become a separate 501(c)(3) organization with completely independent fundraising and budgetary obligations. Through the years, it has become one of the largest volunteer-driven, non-profit health, wellness and prevention efforts in the nation. 9Health Fairs has proudly served more than two million individuals since inception.

#### **About 9Health**

Thanks to the support of more than 16,000 statewide volunteers, 9Health Fairs has saved thousands of lives by providing affordable and convenient screenings and health education. Find out more at [www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org).