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**Washington County Executive Schoemann's statement on appointment of  
Washington/Ozaukee Health Officer as Milwaukee's Health Commissioner**

West Bend, WI – On Thursday, [it was reported](#) that Washington/Ozaukee County Health officer Kirsten Johnson is being appointed as the City of Milwaukee's next health commissioner. County Executive Josh Schoemann released the following statement today:

*The appointment of Kirsten Johnson is an excellent selection for the City of Milwaukee. Kirsten is a tough, innovative, intelligent leader who is passionate about her work and the people she serves. Johnson was instrumental in the success of one of my first projects leading the consolidation of the Washington and Ozaukee Health Departments, a move that saved tax dollars and ultimately positioned us with a more robust health department to combat the challenges of public health such as the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Kirsten will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge in continuing to assure access to testing, contact tracing and vaccine distribution while addressing health disparities and providing access to basic services for residents of Milwaukee and the region.*

Ms. Johnson will continue to serve in her role with Washington/Ozaukee County through the end of February, respecting the City of Milwaukee's appointment process and timeline.

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