The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care is seeking nominations for 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champions. Awards will be presented on November 18, 2021, during the Missouri Rural Health Day celebration. This award is designed to honor a minimum of one individual and one group, depending on the number and type of nominations received. The person or group honored should demonstrate how their contributions are making a difference in Missouri rural health care through collaboration, education, innovation and communication. The nomination deadline is September 7, 2021.

Are you nominating an individual or a group?	
<ul><li>Individua l</li><li>Group</li></ul>	
Who is your nominee?	
Nominee Name Chelsea Smith	
Affiliated Organization Osage County Health Department and Osage County R—II Schools	
Nominator Information	
Name Alex Trusk	
Organization Osage R-II Schools	
Nominee's affiliated organization type	
O Hospital O Rural Health Clinic O Federally Qualified Health Center O Outpatient Clinic O State Government University	
Other, please specify  Rural Health Department and School District	

What rural community does your nominee serve?

Osage County - Linn, MO

Please describe your connection/affiliation to the nominee.

Coworker

In 1,000 words or less, please describe why do you believe your nominee is the best individual for the 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champion Award? Please provide timeline of specific activities.

Chelsea has been a part of our team at the school district since the start of the 2020 school year. She has worked diligently to ensure the safest environment in our schools, as well as volunteering her time on the weekends and our Mondays off (as a 4 day school week) to administer vaccines within the community. She is a wealth of factual, science-based information and leads our school by example, wearing a mask and distancing as appropriate according to CDC guidelines. I do not have a specific timeline, because she has been doing all of these things to benefit the health of our community since August of 2020. She is my go-to for COVID-19 concerns and it is clear she is giving her all to do her part in keeping our community safe.

I can confirm that the nominee is making a difference in rural communities through collaboration, education, innovation and communication, and is working or volunteering in a designated rural area.



I can confirm that the nominee is a Missouri resident.



How did you hear about the 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champion Award?

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