



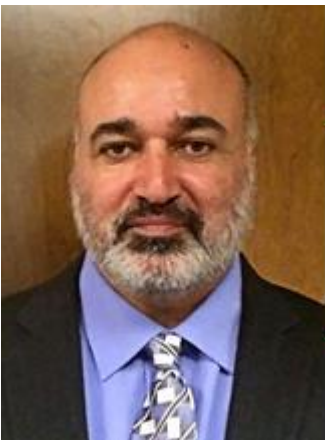
# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Health Department Announces the Passing of Dr. Edward Khan

**June 21, 2022 - Jefferson County, AL** It is with great sadness and a heavy heart the Jefferson County Department of Health (JCDH) shares news of the tragic passing of Ashraf Edward “Ed” Khan, M.D. Dr. Khan passed away suddenly Saturday, June 18, 2022, in a motorcycle accident. He was 56 years old. Dr. Khan worked at JCDH for many years serving in various roles, including previously as Medical Director of Disease Control. He served as one of JCDH’s Subject Matter Experts on various public health issues including dozens of media appearances, community presentations, and professional lectures. He was especially renowned for his expertise in tuberculosis. Clinicians across the state and much of the country sought his expertise in the care of challenging tuberculosis cases. In addition to his work in Alabama, he had done infectious disease work in other countries including Zambia, Cambodia, Kazakhstan, Haiti, Mozambique, Kenya, South Africa, Guyana, and Guatemala.



Since the news of Dr. Khan’s death started reaching his colleagues and co-workers in the public health and infectious disease community, there has been an outpouring of grief as well as tributes and stories of Dr. Khan’s intellectual brilliance and attention to detail as a clinician; his kind, gentle and humble demeanor; his selflessness; and his incredible generosity toward others. He took a personal interest in all people he interacted with, regardless of their station in life. For patients with particularly challenging disease or difficult social situations, he was known to make home visits, make himself available by phone 24/7, and even buy food or provide shelter using his own resources.

Dr. Khan was not just our co-worker, but a good friend to many of us. The JCDH staff will miss him more than words can express. The JCDH flag was flown at half-staff today to mourn this loss.

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**About JCDH**

*The Jefferson County Department of Health (JCDH) was established in 1917. JCDH serves as the primary resource for public health issues in Jefferson County. JCDH has three health centers strategically located throughout the county. JCDH is responsible for providing health care, preventing the spread of diseases, and protecting against outbreaks. JCDH provides outpatient health care for Jefferson County's underinsured and uninsured residents. JCDH health centers provide child health, dental health, family planning, immunizations, maternity care, nutrition (WIC), case management, and Medicaid enrollment. JCDH Disease Control Specialty Clinics include: Tuberculosis, Sexual Health, and International Travel Clinics. Vital Records can be obtained for birth, death or marriage events that occurred in the state of Alabama. Environmental Health Services is responsible for Air and Radiation, Food and Lodging, Community Assessment and Community Environmental Protection. For additional information please visit [www.jcdh.org](http://www.jcdh.org)*