



## Celebrate Public Health!

During the month of April, the Scott County Health Department joins health departments and public health partners across the country in celebrating public health.

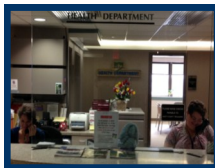
*What is Public Health?* In its most basic form, public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work and play. Public health is different than health care. While a doctor treats people who are sick, those of us working in public health try to prevent people from getting sick or injured in the first place. We also promote wellness by encouraging healthy behaviors.

The Scott County Health Department has more than 40 staff members that provide more than 20 programs and a countless number of services to the Scott County community each day. With all of that activity, *what does a day at the Scott County Health Department look like?*

### A Day in the Life of Public Health

8:01 am

First phone call comes in; connecting citizens to our services



9:13 am

Health inspector inspects local pool



10:25 am

Medical staff test for HIV and STDs during clinic

11:36 am

Staff meet with local coalition to plan preparedness conference



12:41 pm

Board of Health meeting – Board directs community health activities

1:50 pm

Jail nurses pass inmates' medications at the jail



2:07 pm

Webinar: staff learn new information from national partners

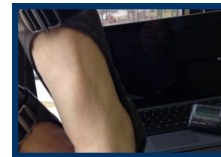


3:18 pm

Staff provides health education to college class

4:22 pm

Care for Kids staff help family find local dentist



8:43 pm

Public health is on-call to respond 24/7

Learn more about the Scott County Health Department and Public Health month by visiting our website at [www.scottcountyiowa.com/health](http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health) and visiting our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/scottcountyiowa](http://www.facebook.com/scottcountyiowa).

## April is STD Awareness Month

April is STD Awareness Month, an annual observance to raise public awareness about the impact of sexually transmitted diseases on the lives of Americans and the importance of individuals discussing sexual health with their health care providers and with their partners.

STDs are a major public health issue in the United States. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there are approximately 20 million new cases of STDs in the U.S. each year, almost half of them among young people ages 15 to 24.

Many of those who are infected don't know it. Many STDs do not have any symptoms. If you are sexually active, the only way to know for sure whether you have a STD is to get tested. STDs are preventable and treatable. Join with others this month and help raise awareness on the importance of **Getting Yourself Tested!**

For more information about where you can get tested visit: [www.GetTested.cdc.gov](http://www.GetTested.cdc.gov) or the Scott County Health Department website [www.scottcountyiowa.com/health](http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health).

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## Related Resources:

Learn more!



Scott County Health Department: [www.scottcountyiowa.com/health](http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health)



10 Great U.S. Public Health Achievements of the 20th Century: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/history/tengpha.htm>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Quad Cities Disaster Readiness Conference**, Bettendorf Waterfront Convention Center, 7:30 AM–3:00 PM  
Thursday, April 7, 2015  
[QC Disaster Readiness Conference Brochure](#)
- **2015 Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health**, Double Tree by Hilton, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Tuesday & Wednesday, April 14-15, 2015  
Conference information: <http://www.iowapha.org/IGCPH/>
- **Scott County Board of Health Meeting**, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM  
Thursday, April 16, 2015

### OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department promotes, protects, and preserves health through leadership, services, education, and partnerships.

### OUR VISION:

Scott County— A safe and healthy community.

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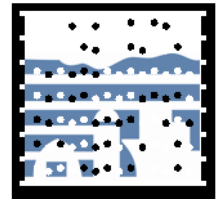
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