

# PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



## Public Health Works!

April is Public Health Month! The Scott County Health Department is kicking off this year's celebration during National Public Health Week to promote how "Public Health Works" in Scott County!

Public Health Works to prevent disease, protect against injury, and promote healthy behaviors. Achievements that have resulted from these efforts demonstrate that the hard work of the Scott County Health Department team is successful and effective!

- ◆ **Public Health Empowers** professionals at the annual Quad Cities Disaster Readiness Conference!
- ◆ **Public Health Strengthens** the City of Blue Grass Park policies by going tobacco and nicotine free!
- ◆ **Public Health Supports** a Food Rescue Workshop to improve the local food system!
- ◆ **Public Health Connects** Seniors with Oral Care through I-Smile™ Silver!
- ◆ **Public Health Protects** by providing vaccines to infants, young children, preteens, and teens!
- ◆ **Public Health Inspects** food stands, grocery stores, pools, restaurants, septic systems, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and wells!
- ◆ **Public Health Protects** children from lead poisoning!

Learn more about how Public Health Works in our community by visiting the Scott County Health Department [website](#) and by "liking" our [Facebook page](#)!



### 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.



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, April 21, 2016*

## Links

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niw/index.html>

Tobacco-Free QC:

<http://www.tobaccofreeqc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/tobaccofreeqc/>

Finding Providers:

<http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/care-kids/families/finding-providers>

Immunization Action Coalition:

<http://www.immunize.org/>

Food Rescue Partnership:

<http://foodrescueqc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/foodrescueqc>

## National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities.

Parents can place a wall of protection for infants with safe, proven vaccines. By getting vaccines on time, children will be protected from 14 vaccine preventable diseases by age two. Outbreaks of whooping cough (pertussis) happen across the U.S. Babies need special protection from those around them before they are old enough to get the vaccine. Expectant mothers should get the vaccine during their 3rd trimester. Immunization is a shared responsibility. Families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials must work together to help protect the entire community.

Since 1994, hundreds of communities across the United States have joined together to celebrate the critical role vaccination plays in protecting our children, communities, and public health.



**National Infant  
Immunization Week**

**IMMUNIZATION.  
POWER TO PROTECT.**

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