

# PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



## Open House to Celebrate Health!

April 2nd kicks off National Public Health Week (NPHW)! This year, Scott County Health Department (SCHD) will celebrate with an open house for members of the public and community partners on Thursday, April 5th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Scott County Administrative Center first floor boardroom. The open house will feature informational tables about health services provided by SCHD, free car seat safety checks, and words from Edward Rivers, Director, at 12:00 p.m.

NPHW is a growing movement to create the healthiest nation by 2030, by championing the role of public health to empower prevention, advocating for equitable health outcomes, and creating successful partnerships for building a strong and healthy community. Our goal this year is to engage in conversations about the roles each of us can play in order to change our future together.

Where we live, learn, work, and play impacts our health and our opportunity to prevent disease and injury. With that in mind, let's partner to create healthier people, families, communities and eventually, become the healthiest nation. We can do it - if we work to change our future together.



### 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.

Your health. Our priority.



Celebrating *health* in Scott County!



## SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Quad Cities Regional Disaster Readiness Conference, Waterfront Convention Center, 7:00-4:15 PM, Wednesday, April 4, 2018.*
- *National Public Health Week Open House, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 11:30-1:30 PM, Thursday, April 5, 2018.*
- *Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health, Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport, April 10—11, 2018.*
- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, April 19, 2018.*

## Infant Immunizations

### Immunize on Time

Parents agree that feeding and sleep schedules are important to keep children healthy. So are immunizations! Vaccinating children on time is the best way to protect them from 14 serious diseases before age two. The immunization schedule is designed to protect babies early in life, before they will be exposed to diseases.

### Take Advantage of Provider Education and Experience

Public health and medical experts have studied many factors to decide which vaccines kids should get and when for the best protection. Although the number of vaccines a child needs in the first two years may seem like a lot, doctors know a great deal about what a healthy baby's immune system can handle. If you have questions, talk to your health care provider!

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## Links

- **Vaccine Information for parents:**  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/)
- **Scott County Health Department Immunization Clinic:**  
[www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/immunization/clinic-fees](http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/immunization/clinic-fees)

### HOW VACCINES STRENGTHEN YOUR BABY'S IMMUNE SYSTEM



**National Infant  
Immunization Week**

**IMMUNIZATION.  
POWER TO PROTECT.**

