

# PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



## World AIDS Day 2018

### Theme: "Saving Lives Through Leadership and Partnerships"

World AIDS Day, held each year on December 1st, is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with the virus, and remember those we have lost. Incredible advances in HIV prevention and treatment have come in recent years: a daily medication that offers protection from HIV infection, more effective treatments for HIV that are easier to take, and studies that have revealed that with successful treatment, people living with HIV can achieve an undetectable viral load and effectively pose no risk of transmitting HIV to others. We do not yet have a cure for HIV, but we can all work to eliminate the social stigma around HIV, educate and encourage people to be tested; and know their HIV status without the fear that has driven this epidemic for decades. A generation free from HIV is truly within sight!

### SCHD Testing Events

A new effort this year will find SCHD HIV outreach staff at Northpark Mall Saturday, December 1st from 10am-6pm with another chance to receive free HIV testing, education, and prizes. We hope the community will take a moment during their holiday shopping to join us in promoting HIV awareness, protecting those at risk, and preserving the health of people living with and without HIV!

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**GET TESTED:  
KNOW YOUR STATUS!**



### 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.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, Room #605, 12:00 PM, Thursday, December 20, 2018.*
- *Scott County Health Department will be closed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday.*

## Links

Prevention Access Campaign

<https://www.preventionaccess.org/>

Prevent the spread of Norovirus

<https://www.cdc.gov/Features/Norovirus/>

## What's on your holiday wish list?

We all anticipate a magical experience for the holidays; seeing family and friends, sharing great food and fellowship. This only happens once a year! Is it any wonder that people who are not feeling well want to participate?

“I can't miss the holidays! I'm not that sick. I just won't eat so I don't throw up or have diarrhea. No big deal, right? I'll make my famous trifle dessert that everyone loves!”

Whatever is causing your vomiting and diarrhea could easily be passed on to others.

Norovirus is a highly contagious viral illness that causes nausea, vomiting, stomach ache and diarrhea. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is enough norovirus on the head of a pin to infect 1000 people!

What “gifts” will you bring to the festivities? Stay home if you are sick!

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