

# PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



NATIONAL  
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WEEK**



## National Public Health Week

The COVID-19 pandemic has spotlighted public health as a worldwide topic of the day for more than a year. Making communities safe and healthy has always been public health’s top priority. COVID-19 has made that even more important. We may be physically distant from each other, but now it’s more important than ever to come together. That’s why the 2021 National Public Health theme is “Building Bridges to Better Health”.

On Monday, April 5th, National Public Health Week will kick off by promoting science, action, health, and justice to rebuild and come back the pandemic with a vision to create a better, more inclusive, and more just world through public health. Public health's work to ensure a safe and healthy community will be highlighted all week with daily themes.

**National Public Health Week**  
April 5-11 2021

- Monday: **Rebuilding**
- Tuesday: **Advancing Racial Equity**
- Wednesday: **Strengthening Community**
- Thursday: **Galvanizing Climate Justice**
- Friday: **Constructing COVID-19 Resilience**
- Saturday: **Uplifting Mental Health & Wellness**
- Sunday: **Elevating the Essential & Health Workforce**

Visit our website and “like” us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram to learn how the Scott County Health Department builds bridges to better health!

**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, via WebEx at 12:00 PM, Thursday, April 15, 2021.*

## Links

- **National Public Health Week**  
[nphw.org](http://nphw.org)
- **STD Awareness Month**  
[CDC campaign site](http://CDCcampaignsite)
- **Coping with Stress**  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/stress-coping/index.html](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/stress-coping/index.html)

## STD Awareness Month

In April, the CDC and the American Sexual Health Association promote awareness of the ongoing effort to reduce rates of sexually transmitted diseases. It is an opportunity to understand what STDs are and how they impact public health, and why it's important to prevent, test for, and treat them. The surge of STDs endangers the health of too many in the United States. In the past 7 years, Syphilis cases nearly doubled, Gonorrhea cases increased by 67 percent, and Chlamydia cases remain at record highs.

### SCHD Clinical Services Response

Throughout the pandemic, SCHD has continued to offer STD testing and treatment services to Scott County residents at no/low cost. The theme our team has chosen for 2021 is "Talk, Test, Treat." which encourages individuals and providers to learn the facts about STDs, encourage honest conversation about risks and providing the correct testing and treatment to respond to an individual's risk. To learn more, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/std/saw/talktesttreat/default.htm>



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