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APRIL 2023

PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION CENTERING AND CELEBRATING CULTURES IN HEALTH APRIL 3-9, 2023

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National Public Health Week

National Public Health Week 2023 takes place April 3rd-9th. This year's theme is "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health" and is an opportunity to highlight the ways in which public health connects to the community and the diverse cultures within.

Each day of the week focuses on a public health topic: Community, Violence Prevention; Reproductive and Sexual Health; Mental Health; Rural Health; Accessibility; Food and Nutrition.

The Scott County Health Department (SCHD) incorporates many of the topics highlighted during National Public Health Week in their everyday work. They work to create a more inclusive system that supports wellness and health equity for all community members. For example, SCHD partners with the Rock Island County Health Department and other community agencies to conduct a Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan. The community group prioritized mental health; nutrition, physical activity, and weight; and access to healthcare as areas to focus on to improve the health of our community.

SCHD understands that sexual health is an essential element of overall health and well-being and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are among the most common infectious diseases in the US today. Clinical services are offered weekly for Scott County residents, including testing and treatment for some STIs.

Take time this week to celebrate public health and find new ways to connect with others in the community. Together, we can work to make our community healthy, happy, and strong!



Scott County Health Department

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, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, April 20, 2023

Links

- National Public Health Week
 <u>https://nphw.org/</u>
- National Infant Immunization Week <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/</u> <u>niiw/index.html</u>



National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week 2023 is April 24th-30th.

During National Infant Immunization Week, the Scott County Health Department and its partners encourage the community to remain up-to-date on children's well-child visits and vaccinations.

Vaccines are one of the most successful public health tools available to us for preventing disease! National Infant Immunization Week is a time for highlighting the impact that vaccines have on the health of our children and the communities they live in. Vaccines are a safe and effective way for us to start protecting our children beginning at birth to age two from fifteen serious childhood diseases. Recommendations for vaccines are monitored and updated as new information and research becomes available ensuring that vaccines are as safe as possible.

To learn about the SCHD's vaccine clinic, visit; <u>https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/health/immunization</u>.



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