

PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION

Protecting, Connecting and Thriving:
We Are All Public Health
 APRIL 1-7, 2024



National Public Health Week

2024 National Public Health Week: April 1-7, 2024

Join us April 1-7, 2024 to celebrate National Public Health Week. The American Public Health Association started this celebration in 1995 and it is an event that takes place during the first week of April each year to highlight the important contributions public health professionals make to improve people's health. This year's theme is "Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We Are All Public Health". Each day during National Public Health Week has a health-related topic, which includes:

- Monday, April 1: Civic Engagement
- Tuesday, April 2: Healthy Neighborhoods
- Wednesday, April 3: Climate Change
- Thursday, April 4: New Tools and Innovations
- Friday, April 5: Reproductive and Sexual Health
- Saturday, April 6: Emergency Preparedness
- Sunday, April 7: Future of Public Health

Public health is more than just health care. It's the steps we take to make sure our neighborhoods and environment are free from pollution. It's making sure our food and water are safe to eat and drink. It's also the relationships we foster in our communities. We're all interconnected. When we all come together to support public health, all of us—individuals, families, communities, and the public health field—can achieve the goals of public health. Look for posts on Scott County Health Department's (SCHD) social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter/X) for each daily theme. Some of the highlighted topics during the week are programs SCHD does everyday. For example: SCHD promotes having healthy neighborhoods through the lead program. Children six and younger are tested for lead and if their lead results are high, SCHD can do an investigation of the home. SCHD is involved with Emergency Preparedness and assists in disaster planning. Exercises are held yearly in order to maintain skills and to prepare for a disaster. SCHD has a Sexual Health Program that offers testing and treatment to Scott County residents for STI's. Clinics are held twice a week and all information is kept confidential.



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 18, 2024.*

Links

- **National Public Health Week:**
<https://nphw.org/>
- **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Home Playground Equipment**
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Regulations-Laws--Standards/Voluntary-Standards/Home-Playground-Equipment>

National Playground Safety Week

National Playground Safety Week reminds us to make outdoor playgrounds safe places for children to play. For many, outdoor play happens on swing sets or climbing structures at home. Active outdoor play helps children grow, learn, and be close to nature, but it can also lead to injuries. Keep these safety tips in mind if you have playground equipment in your backyard:

- Have protective surfacing under and around the play equipment, at least 6 feet in all directions. Swings and slides might need more protective space. Hard surfaces like grass and dirt are not protective.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation. Save them to refer to later, if needed.
- Check for and repair broken hardware, sharp points, or rough edges.
- Provide areas of shade and locate metal pieces and slides out of direct sunlight.
- Always watch children while using play equipment and have a clear set of safety rules for them to follow.

For more information on how to plan, install, and maintain your outdoor home playground, refer to Consumer Product Safety Commission's *Outdoor Home Playground Safety Handbook*.



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