

Delaware County Public Health Services celebrates National Public Health Week, April 6-12, 2026

Since 1995, the American Public Health Association has sponsored the National Public Health Week to educate the public, policymakers and public health professionals about important issues to improve the public's health. Over the years public health advocacy has contributed to seatbelt laws, vaccines, food labels, clean water, healthier school lunches and smoking regulations for public places. Continued advocacy for local community improvement, funding for public health projects and the state and nation's infrastructure for future disasters and pandemics, is needed.

Residents in our county face social determinants such as poverty, transportation barriers and affordable housing, healthy food access, all of which negatively impact health. Our communities are creative, resourceful and value a sense of community.

We aim to increase physical activity and increase access to healthy foods by promoting parks, trails and recreation spaces, and through food access programs and farmers markets. We continue to foster mental wellness through community partnerships and projects, provide support during extreme heat by recruiting local libraries to serve as cooling centers during heat emergencies.

During National Public Health Week, the public health community comes together to honor public health work, advocate for policies and practices for a healthier future, celebrate accomplishments and bring a renewed focus to the work ahead. Public health's future is all about expanding our partnerships to collaborate with planners, education officials, public, private, community agencies and the local community at large. Strong public health systems are pivotal for sustaining and improving community health.

Learn more about how National Public Health Week by visiting <https://www.apha.org/initiatives/national-public-health-week>. ➡