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Re: **Public Health Week April 5-11, 2021**
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National Public Health Week April 5-11, 2021
Building Bridges to Better Health

We may be physically distant from each other, but now it's more important than ever to come together. Making communities safe and healthy is public health's top priority. COVID-19 has made that even more important.

In the midst of the most challenging public health crisis of our lifetimes, it's more important than ever to celebrate public health. Help us continue to thank public health for all the hard work everyone's doing to keep our communities safe.

Working together, we can build healthier communities and eventually, the healthiest nation. We need your help to get there.
For more information about the Allegany County Department of Health go to www.alleganyco.com or call 585-268-9250.

"Public Health: Starts Here" in Allegany County

Remember:

- Public Health is at Work-Contact tracing positive COVID-19 cases and identifying exposures to protect the community.
- Public Health is at Work- Rapid testing for COVID-19 at drive-thru testing clinics.
- Public Health is at Work-Getting shots in the arms of Allegany County residents with COVID-19 vaccine.
- Public Health is at Work-When you hear a story about someone who was bitten by a bat while they were sleeping. The Health Department was there to have the bat tested for rabies and get them the rabies vaccinations they needed. Remember to Catch that Bat!
- Public Health is at Work-When you eat in a restaurant in Allegany County. That restaurant was inspected and issued a permit to operate by the Health Department's Environmental Health program.

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- Public Health is at Work-When you find a pharmacy to go to for a vaccination or flu shot or your child has a vaccination for school at the Health Department.
- Public Health is at Work-When a pregnant mom or mom of a new baby tells you they had a healthy pregnancy, their baby was born healthy, and they are successfully breastfeeding thanks to the Health Department's WIC program.
- Public Health is at Work-When you hear about a child who has a developmental delay or severe disability and received services through one of the Health Department's Children's Services Programs.
- Public Health is at Work-When you drink water from a public water supply. That water is safe to drink and protected thanks to your local water operator and the Health Department's Environmental Health program.
- Public Health is at Work-When your family or friends work in an environment without cigarette smoke. Clean indoor air was enforced by the Health Department's Environmental Health program.
- Public Health is at Work-When a public health emergency hits Allegany County. The Allegany County Department of Health's Emergency Preparedness program is ready to help.
- Public Health is at Work-When a store owner or farmer tells you they have revenue from the Health Department's WIC program benefits being used at their store or farmers market.
- Public Health is at Work-When a family with young children tells you they have nutritious food to eat thanks to the Health Department's WIC program.
- Public Health is at Work-When your child or grandchild eats a lunch at school or swims in the school pool. That cafeteria and pool have been inspected by the Health Department's Environmental Health program.
- Public Health is at Work-When someone tells you they were tested and treated for an STI and learned about their birth control options. The Health Department's Reproductive and Sexual Health Program is providing clinic services and education.
- Public Health is at Work-Your child is protected from Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP or Tdap); Hepatitis B; Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR); Polio; and Varicella (Chickenpox) from vaccinations. The Health Department's Immunization Program is working.
- Public Health is at Work-When you have children and grandchildren who have been tested for lead at age 1 and again at age 2. The health department is working with health care providers and county residents to promote lead testing and prevent lead poisoning.
- Public Health is at Work-When someone asks you, "What does the Allegany County Department of Health do for Allegany County?" and you can answer that question.
- Public Health is at Work-Public health starts here building bridges to better health in Allegany County.

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