

DHD#10 CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Public Health is Where You Are

April 1, 2022 – Each year, the first week of April is recognized as **National Public Health Week**, a time to honor the tireless efforts of those working within public health to make our communities healthier, stronger and safer. This year, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) invites you to join them in commemorating the impacts of public health during the week of April 4 through April 10 to celebrate the theme, **Public Health is Where You Are**.

The places where we are, physically, mentally, and societally, affect our health and our lives. DHD#10 encourages everyone to come together to make their communities healthier and safer for all. Now that the COVID-19 pandemic is slowly subsiding, there are things that we as individuals and as members of a community can do to protect and prioritize public health. During Public Health Week, everyone, including public health professionals, students, elected leaders, and the general public, can step in and do what they can to make our world more equitable, safe, health, and just.

During this time, it is not only important to recognize the extensive collaboration and innovative efforts that have emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic, but also public health's contributions to several services that our community depends on. No one community group, hospital, agency, or governmental body can be entirely responsible for the health of our community or address the multitude of issues alone. However, working together can help us more effectively respond to emergent issues in our community while sustaining the programs and services our district expects.

DHD#10 remains committed to keeping the public safe and informed. "I want to let all of our staff members know how much I, and our community, appreciate all of the countless hours and effort they have put into the COVID-19 pandemic and all of the services we offer to our community," said Kevin Hughes, DHD#10 Health Officer. "Thank you for everything you do, and continue to do for our district, and public health, every day."

DHD#10 would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the healthcare professionals who work tirelessly on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the volunteers and nurses that made clinics possible. Your dedication to service and health is truly commendable.

Help us thank public health for all the hard work they do by using the hashtag #ThankYouPublicHealth and #ThankYouDHD10 as we show our appreciation to those working in the public health sector.

About DHD #10

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) is Michigan's largest geographical health department, mandated to promote and protect the public from unsafe and hazardous conditions and provide methods of promoting good health and disease prevention. Some of the vital programs provided by DHD #10 include Immunizations, Infectious Disease Control, STI Testing and Counseling, WIC, Maternal Infant Health Program,



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