



Winnebago County

# Health Department

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## Ready. Set. Action! It's National Public Health Week.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – With the first week of April designated as **National Public Health Week (NPHW)**, the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) encourages residents to learn more about their local health department and get involved in local efforts to address three priority health issues impacting our community:

1. Maternal and Child Health
2. Mental and Behavioral Health
3. Violence

The Winnebago County Health Department is state certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health and nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board. WCHD's dedicated and skilled staff work to identify and address health concerns in our community, while connecting residents to services to support better health. WCHD is committed to **Building a Stronger, Safer, Healthier Community** and taking action on the three priority health concerns.

*"Every day your local health department staff, many who are your friends, family, and/or neighbors, work with purpose and commitment to protect and improve the health of those in our community and provide you with trustworthy services and information,"* said Dr. Sandra Martell, Winnebago County Health Department Public Health Administrator.

Residents can take action too by volunteering with the Medical Reserve Corps or by joining community workgroups to address the three health priorities at: <https://publichealth.wincoil.gov/get-involved-make-a-difference/>

For more information about your Winnebago County Health Department, go to: [publichealth.wincoil.gov](https://publichealth.wincoil.gov).

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