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April 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> is National Public Health Week

NORWALK, Ohio— April 4<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> is National Public Health Week. It is Huron County Public Health's (HCPH) mission to achieve and sustain healthy people and healthy communities throughout Huron County by providing public health services which promote health and prevent disease. HCPH collaborates with partnering organizations to address health issues in the community. This week HCPH wants to give Huron County residents a better understanding of the health department's role in the community.

*What is public health?* Public health is the science of protecting and improving health of communities through education, promotion on healthy lifestyles, and research for disease and injury prevention. Public health professionals analyze health effects because of genetics, health behaviors, and the environment. HCPH uses this information and data collected to develop and implement programs and services that promote the health of the community. Public health looks at the health of an entire population rather than individual health.

HCPH provides many services to improve the health of the community. The 10 Essential Public Health Services guide HCPH's core functions and allow the agency to better serve the community. These functions are HCPH's responsibility to the residents of Huron County and include:

1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets;
2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population;
3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it;



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4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health;
5. Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health;
6. Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health;
7. Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy;
8. Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce;
9. Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement; and
10. Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health

HCPH recently made available its 2021 Annual Report. In this report the public can view many of HCPH's different programs and services. To view HCPH's 2021 Annual Report and for more information on programs and services available to the community visit [www.huroncohealth.com/about-us](http://www.huroncohealth.com/about-us).

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