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## NEWS

### **Public Health Working Quietly to Keep Residents Safe** *National Public Health Week Begins April 6*

**HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO** – Hamilton County Public Health works every day, mostly without fanfare, to maintain a healthy foundation for the people and environment of Hamilton County.

That's especially appropriate during National Public Health Week – April 6 to 12 – because the 2009 theme is Building the Foundation for a Healthy America. NPHW was established in 1995 and is organized by the American Public Health Association (APHA). APHA works to spread the word about public health's contributions to society and ways to improve public health even more.

“Public health is everywhere, but many people don't realize it,” said Tim Ingram, Hamilton County Health Commissioner. “When you have clean water to drink and safe restaurants in which to eat; when someone welcomes a new baby and that baby gets his first immunizations, public health was there to play an important role.”

Hamilton County Public Health strives to prevent disease and injury, promote wellness, and provide protection from environmental hazards for the 450,000 Hamilton County residents who live outside the cities of Cincinnati, Norwood, Sharonville, Springdale and St. Bernard.

“We want our residents to know that if they have a public health need – whether it's an immunization, a restaurant inspection report or emergency preparedness information – Hamilton County Public Health is the agency they should turn to.”

Hamilton County Public Health addresses the well-being of Hamilton County residents through a community-focused approach which includes examining health trends and taking appropriate action, health care coordination, inspections, education, and providing assistance to help communities cope with emergencies.

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