

Public Health Week 2018

Each day, every Los Angeles County (County) resident benefits from the services provided by the Department of Public Health (Department). The Department's responsibilities include preventing and controlling communicable diseases, providing health education through community outreach, conducting restaurant and health facilities inspections, and carrying out population and case-based surveillance; these and many more services administered by the Department are crucial in ensuring the County is a safe and healthy place to live, work, and recreate.

Each year, the County celebrates Public Health Week and recognizes the Department's efforts to protect health, prevent disease and injury, and promote the health and well-being of all residents. This year's Public Health Week will take place on April 2-6, 2018 with the theme of "Changing Our Future Together." This week acknowledges the importance of building partnerships – across County departments, academic institutions, community partners and residents – to ensure that all County residents have the opportunities and resources needed for optimal health and well-being.

In honor of Public Health Week, the Department of Public Health invites all County residents to attend community events that highlight innovative strategies for addressing important public health issues, such as building a diverse health workforce,

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encouraging employee wellness, integrating culturally-centered care into a healthcare setting, preparing for unanticipated emergencies, and closing the gaps in infant mortality rates. Public Health kicks off with five days of action: Day 1 starts off with the launch of youth leadership program to develop future health workforce leaders; day 2, employee engagement and fitness challenge; day 3, event on cultural humility in health service delivery; day 4, CPR and emergency preparedness trainings; and day 5, press event to launch five-year action plan to address health inequities in infant mortality.

To encourage worksite wellness, all County employees are invited to attend the Employee Public Health Expo and Countywide Fitness Challenge Kick-Off co-hosted with the Department of Human Resources, to be held Tuesday, April 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Grand Park, located at 200 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2-6, 2018 as “Public Health Week” in the County of Los Angeles and urge all residents, public officials and County employees, as well as community groups, clubs, and organizations to join in activities and take action to make all communities healthy.

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