

Proclaiming Public Health Week 2024

Los Angeles County residents benefit from the services provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health). Public Health’s responsibilities include preventing and controlling communicable diseases, providing health education through community outreach, conducting restaurant and health facility inspections, and carrying out population and case-based surveillance. These and many more services administered by Public Health are crucial in ensuring the County is a safe and healthy place to live, work, and create.

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. The theme for national Public Health Week 2024, “Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health,” celebrates the many ways we are all interconnected and urges all of us to work together to improve the health of our communities. In an effort to recognize the vast network of community-based partners that help carry out this work, there will be eight themed collaborative events held

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from April 1, 2024 through April 6, 2024 in neighborhoods across Los Angeles County. The following five-days of action will highlight the partnerships that create healthier, stronger, and safer communities.

- April 1, 2024, will celebrate the achievements of the LA County Heart Heroes campaign and unveil the next milestone for the initiative.
- April 2, 2024, will consist of gun locks distribution at a community event in collaboration with the Department of Health Services.
- April 3, 2024, the Parent Café will be launched, where parents and caregivers of children with special needs come together.
- April 4, 2024, will focus on a youth advocacy event featuring training on Narcan use and Hands Only CPR.
- April 5, 2024, will feature a youth leadership program in collaboration with County Parks and Recreation and celebrate a Transgender Day of Visibility.
- April 6, 2024, the Whittier Wellness Center will be launched.

Public Health invites all County residents to attend these events to learn about and discuss important public health issues such as health equity, violence prevention, environmental justice, communicable disease, and other topics of interest to the community. More information can be found on the Public Health Week activities website at: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phweek/>.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- Proclaim April 1-6, 2024, as “Public Health Week” in Los Angeles County, and urge all residents, public officials, and County employees, as well as community groups, clubs, and organizations, to join activities and take action to make all Los Angeles communities healthy.
- Encourage all residents to participate in a series of activities that are improving health across the County, during the Public Health Week five days of action.

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