



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

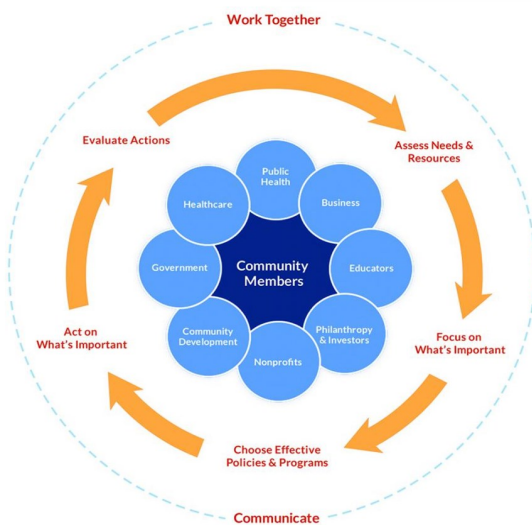
Essential Service #1

[Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community](#)

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program



The County Health Rankings are an easy-to-use snapshot comparing counties within states and show that where you live influences how well and how long you live. Last year's Rankings placed Kane County 7th out of the 102 counties in Illinois, an improvement from the previous year's 12th place. The Kane County Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) reflects the concept promoted by the rankings, that many factors beyond medical care influence our health. While Kane is one of the healthiest counties in the state, we know that there remains much work to be done. By addressing these priorities we can achieve our vision of becoming the healthiest county in Illinois by 2030. More info: kanehealth.com/Pages/Rankings.aspx

Ten essential services of Public Health

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards
3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Help people receive health services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

[Link to Departmental Statistics](#)

Essential Service #3

[Give people the information they need to make healthy choices](#)



April 1-7

Monday
[Healthy Communities](#)

Tuesday
[Violence Prevention](#)

Wednesday
[Rural Health](#)

Thursday
[Technology and Public Health](#)

Friday
[Climate Change](#)

Saturday & Sunday
[Global Health](#)



Celebrating Public Health

Everyone deserves to live a long and healthy life in a safe environment. We need to address the causes of poor health and disease risk among individuals and within our communities. During each day of National Public Health Week, we focus on a particular public health topic. Then, we identify ways each of us can make a difference on that topic. These areas are critical to our future success in creating the healthiest nation.

Essential Service #2

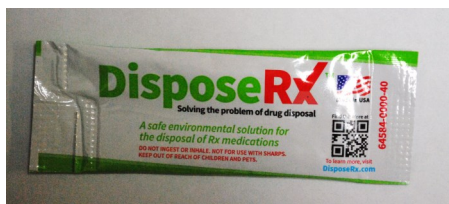
[Protect people from health problems and health hazards](#)



**April 27 is
National Drug Take
Back Day**

*For a list of drop-off locations in
Kane County, see:*

[www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/
pages/default.aspx](http://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/pages/default.aspx)



The Kane County Health Department is working with our community partners to make drug disposal kits available to the community. These drug deactivation kits are result of a generous donation to KCHD by AmerisourceBergen Foundation. It is important that opioids prescribed by health care providers that are no longer needed are properly disposed of. These kits enable residents to dispose of opioids and other medications without leaving their homes.

A crucial issue

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.2 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. These events provide an opportunity to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.