

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #3

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



Don't Wait. Communicate.

Ready.



Follow these four steps:

- **Stay Informed**
- **Make a Plan**
- **Build a Kit**
- **Get Involved**

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month, in honor of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. It serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. More info is available from our [Emergency Preparedness page](#).

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

Departmental Statistics: www.kanehealth.com/phc.htm

Essential Service #2

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



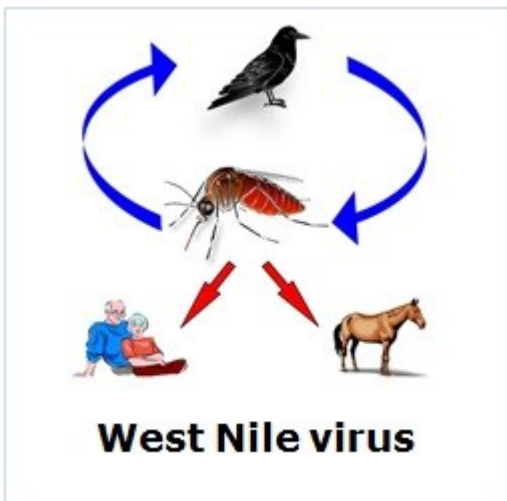
National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Visit the CDC's NIAM page by clicking [here](#).

NIAM celebrates the importance of vaccines for all

With the start of school just around the corner, it's time for parents to make sure their children have all their immunizations. Immunizations represent one of the greatest public health accomplishments of the 20th Century. The purpose of NIAM is to celebrate the benefits of vaccination and highlight the importance of vaccination not only for students, but for people of all ages.

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Help prevent breeding mosquitoes that carry West Nile

- ✓ Don't let standing water collect on your property!
- ✓ Check turned up garbage can lids, grill covers, and children's toys.
- ✓ Empty, clean & refill birdbaths & wading pools frequently.



Fight the bite! Be on the lookout for areas of standing water in your yard.

WNV vs 'nuisance' mosquitoes

Heavy rains like we've seen can leave behind a bumper crop of mosquitoes. These mosquitoes are aptly nicknamed "nuisance" or "floodwater mosquitoes." While bothersome, this species does not carry West Nile virus. In hot, dry weather, the Culex mosquito, the species that does carry WNV, breeds in locations where stagnant water collects, like clogged downspouts, bird baths and old tires. Removing these sources helps prevent the spread of WNV.

[More info here.](#)