



**NATIONAL
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National Public Health Week - April 6 – 12, 2020

A Time to Recognize New Jersey's Public Health Professionals and Volunteers

For 25 years, National Public Health Week (NPHW) has recognized the contributions of public health and highlighted issues that are important to improving our nation's health. Today, as New Jersey and the entire world face the uncertainties of the current COVID-19 pandemic, protecting the health of our families, friends, colleagues, and communities looms foremost in all of our thoughts. It is times like these that remind us that health is a precious commodity and that every person deserves to live a long, healthy and productive life.

This year, National Public Health Week will be celebrated April 6–12. The Public Health Associations' Collaborative Effort (PHACE) is pleased to partner with the American Public Health Association in observing NPHW in New Jersey. The 6 organizations in PHACE include public health professionals in 89 local health departments, academic institutions, government agencies and a multitude of other settings across NJ (e.g. healthcare, hospitals, non-profit organizations, and private public health entities).

We hope you'll join us during NPHW in looking back at public health's successes and in looking forward to eliminating health disparities and helping our communities to become healthy and vibrant.

Right now, public health workers are on the front lines working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to track COVID 19 and stop it from spreading. They are providing prevention and educational information in communities across NJ, and they are working with health facilities and governmental agencies on mitigation efforts.

Each year, public health workers also educate people about the flu and give out the flu vaccine. Public health workers set safety standards in the workplace to protect employees. They develop school nutrition programs to make sure kids have access to healthy food. They help to address environmental hazards such as lead, prevent chronic disease, intervene with mental health disorders and addictions, protect the food supply, and promote healthy lifestyles.

Public health affects nearly every part of our lives. It was public health that led to laws requiring the use of seatbelts, guidelines protecting clean air and water, and laws against smoking in restaurants and bars.



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But we know that making the U.S. the healthiest nation can't be done in a week. That's why we're encouraging members of our community to learn more and take part in the All of Us Research Program, a historic effort to collect and study data from one million or more people living in the United States. The goal of the program is better health for all of us. Learn more at <https://allofus.nih.gov/>.

We hope you'll join us to celebrate NPHW 2020, April 6–12, as we celebrate the power of prevention and preventive care, advocate for healthy and fair policies, educate our communities about healthy behaviors, and work to build a strong public health system across our country.

All of us have a role to play in making New Jersey healthy and keeping it healthy. We invite you to learn more at www.nphw.org/nphw-2020.

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New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association | New Jersey Public Health Association
New Jersey Society for Public Health Education | New Jersey Association of Public Health Nurse Administrators