

Public Health Week is April 1-7

Please join us for any or all of the following Public Health Week activities.

Monday, April 1, 1–4:30 p.m.

We will unveil our Healthier Together Storyboard website at the Walters Cultural Arts Center in Hillsboro. Data is at the heart of public health practice. We use it to understand health issues and health disparities, create new programming and use our resources wisely. We also share data to help support community members and the work they do. Space is limited and [registration is required](#).

Tuesday, April 2, 12–1:30 p.m.

The 17th annual Public Health Recognition Awards will be presented in the Washington Street Conference Center. Refreshments will be available. We will honor all who were nominated in addition to those selected for the awards. We'll announce the honorees in another post soon.

Wednesday, April 3, 10–11 a.m.

Suicide Prevention Coordinator Deb Darmata (pictured right) will lead a Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training. In just an hour, you can learn how to recognize when someone is at risk for suicide and how to get that person the help he or she needs. QPR is the most basic suicide prevention course we offer, and it's appropriate for all staff, regardless of prior knowledge or background. The training will take place in the PSB auditorium.

Wednesday, April 3, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Disease Control and Prevention is getting a new mobile testing van, which will allow us to meet people where they are, increasing our outreach in the community to provide testing for HIV and sexually transmitted infections. Visit the van and talk to staff at the south end of the P5 lot on NW Lincoln Street.

Thursday, April 4, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Stop by our table in the main PSB lobby and talk with staff from Environmental Health about the wood stove exchange program and other important initiatives that help keep us safe and healthy.

Friday, April 5, 12–1 p.m.

Chief epidemiologist Dr. Kim Repp (pictured left) will present "If You Want to Save Lives, Start With the Dead: Creative Suicide Prevention Work in Washington County." For the third year in a row, U.S. life expectancy has lowered due to loss of life from suicides. To change the direction of this trend in our community, Washington County has created a novel suicide surveillance system and a robust suicide prevention network that is demonstrably effective. This system has been adopted by counties and states across the country. Bring your lunch to this engaging and fun (seriously!) presentation in room 140 at the PSB.