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Libraries Display Information for National Public Health Week

The week of April 5th – 9th is National Public Health Week, and the Central Connecticut Health District is reminding residents that public health plays a role in everyone's life from birth until death. With its emphasis on the prevention of disease and the promotion of health of communities and populations at risk, public health is uniquely qualified to play a major role in the reform of our healthcare system. Throughout history, public health has made tremendous strides in food safety, occupational safety, motor vehicle safety, control of infectious diseases, vaccination, fluoridation of water, infant and maternal health, and modifying behavior to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Public health works to protect and improve the health of a community through preventive medicine, health education, control of communicable diseases, emergency preparedness coordination, application of sanitary measures, and monitoring of environmental hazards.

The Central Connecticut Health District and the public libraries in the towns of Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield will showcase information and books relating to public health topics during Public Health Week.

In recognition of the importance of public health, Mayors Adam Salina of Berlin, Anthony LaRosa of Rocky Hill, and Donna Hemmann of Wethersfield have all issued proclamations designating the week of April 5-9, 2010 National Public Health Week in the Health District member towns.

To learn more about public health, visit the Central Connecticut Health District's website at www.ccthd.org or call 860-721-2822, or go to the American Public Health website at www.nphw.org.

