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**National Public Health Week April 4 – 10, 2016**

The Iroquois County Public Health Department is excited to share with you the Governor's proclamation declaring April 4-10, 2016 as National Public Health Week in Illinois. National Public Health Week is a time to recognize the contributions of public health. Your local public health department helps to prevent the start and spread of outbreaks and disease. The public health mandate is proactive: create conditions that keep people healthy.

The Iroquois County Public Health department protects the residents of Iroquois County from contracting or transmitting disease or illness through water, food, or disposal of sewage. This is done through inspections of food service establishments, private sewage disposals, wells, well sealing, water sample testing, and tanning & body art facilities. The department also provides education, surveillance, and mosquito control in Iroquois County through enforcement of the Nuisance Ordinance of Iroquois County.

The Iroquois County Public Health Department also promotes and protects the health of our community through health services including: hemoglobin and lead screenings; pregnancy testing; immunizations; TB skin testing; communicable disease surveillance and investigation; and free blood pressure checks. The health department aims to improve the health and wellbeing of our community by offering a variety of health education.

The Iroquois County Public Health Department Emergency Preparedness staff works with emergency management and other local officials to plan for and respond to natural disasters, novel disease outbreaks, and biological threats that can dramatically impact health.

To celebrate National Public Health Week, Iroquois County Public Health Department is offering free water sample testing and radon kits for the month of April, 2016.