

National Public Health Week

Public health partners across the state are observing National Public Health Week, April 6-12. In Iowa, the theme for this year's observance is "Public Health Modernization as a Foundation for a Healthy Iowa."

The Legislature is currently considering a proposal by the Iowa Department of Public Health that would modernize and standardize public health services across Iowa. House

File 382 is currently in the House Appropriations Committee.

Iowa public health partners are using National Public Health Week to showcase how public health touches the lives of those they serve. This will allow communities to see how a modernized public health system will benefit them.

Public health services in the recently completed Iowa Public Health Standards in-

clude prevention of epidemics and the spread of disease; protection against environmental hazards; prevention of injuries; promotion of healthy behaviors; and preparation for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies.

To learn what public health does for you, contact your local public health agency or visit www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/nphw.asp.