

Public Health Newsletter



Back to School Vaccinations: Don't Wait!

The new school year will be here before you know it! Summer is the perfect time to make sure your child is up to date on the vaccinations required for school and recommended to keep them healthy.

Vaccinations help protect children from serious diseases and reduce the spread of illness in schools and our community. If your child is entering kindergarten, 7th grade, or 12th grade, they may need additional vaccines to meet Iowa school requirements.

Beat the back to school rush by scheduling your child's immunization appointment now. If you're unsure whether your child is up to date, contact your healthcare provider or Marion County Public Health, we're happy to help review your child's immunization record and answer any questions.

**A healthy school
year starts with
staying up to date
on vaccinations!**



Beat the Heat

Summer temperatures can be dangerous. Stay cool by drinking plenty of water, wearing lightweight clothing, seeking shade, and limiting outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day. Never leave children or pets in a parked vehicle, and check on older adults and neighbors during periods of extreme heat.

Marion County Programs/Services

- Care for Yourself
- Communicable Disease Follow up
- Environmental Health
- Foot Care Clinics
- General Assistance
- Healthy Hometowns: Combat Cancer
- Immunizations
- Preparedness (Emergency Response)
- Private Well Grants
- Senior Meals
- Tobacco Cessation

Community Education

- CPR/First Aid Classes
- Dementia Friends Sessions
- Narcan Training
- Stop the Bleed Course

Monthly Meetings

- Board of Health Meeting
 - 3rd Tuesday @ 5:00pm
- Provider's Meeting
 - 1st Monday @ 9:30am
- Marion County Aging & Disabled Coalition
 - 1st Monday @ 10:30am

ROTH ID TAG: Emergency Contact Identification System



The Service Area 1C Coordinators have utilized Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant carryover funds to purchase ROTH ID Tags for use during emergency situations where rapid identification and reunification are critical. This initiative has already gained momentum across Iowa, with strong support from emergency response and preparedness organizations. These are being distributed through each of the 11 county Public Health departments in the SaIC region of Iowa. (Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Ringgold, Union and Wayne) Other regions have already successfully deployed them in our state.

ROTH ID Tags provide quick access to essential information, including personal identification, emergency contact details, and immediate medical needs. Although originally designed for car seats, agencies are now applying them more broadly to assist individuals who rely on mobility equipment, motorized scooters, specialty transport vehicles, and similar devices.

Each ROTH ID Tag is packaged as a complete kit in an envelope containing the necessary materials to attach the tag to car seats, bicycles, electric scooters, walkers, and other mobility devices, as well as instructions for registration. More information is available at: <https://rothidtag.com>

Employee Spotlight



Judi Van Hulzen

Judi has been a part of Marion County Public Health for 28 years. She enjoys helping people connect with services and resources that improve their health and independence. Supporting older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers is one of the most rewarding parts of her job. This year, Judi is looking forward to the Marion County Healthy Aging Expo on September 10 at Celebrate Church in Knoxville from 3-5pm.

Judi would like people to know that public health is more than vaccinations and disease prevention. Public health helps connect residents with resources, provides health education, and works with community partners to improve the health of Marion County.

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