



National Public Health Week Proclamation 2024

Whereas, the week of April 1, 2024, is National Public Health Week, with the theme “Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health”; and

Whereas, the goal of National Public Health Week is to recognize public health’s contribution to improving the health of the people of the United States, including the 106,000 residents of Eau Claire County; and

Whereas, community members recently identified the top 5 health concerns in Eau Claire County as housing, mental health, substance misuse, alcohol misuse, and childcare; and

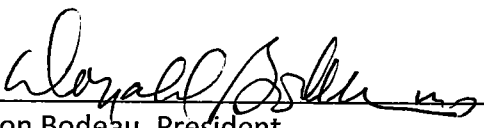
Whereas, the staff at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department continues to support a thriving and healthy community through efforts such as:

- Providing harm reduction materials to community agencies and members including 988 Narcan doses distributed in 2023 to reverse opioid overdoses and save lives.
- Creating and distributing vaping prevention educational messages at all city and county schools, including the *How to Quit Vaping Workbook* to address the concern that 1 in 4 high school students vape.
- Completing 1415 housing inspections at 621 locations in 2023 addressing health and safety issues and working with property owners to make improvements that prevent health issues like lead poisoning, asthma, and injury.
- Testing 3,156 well water samples, with 10,066 tests done for elements like bacteria and nitrate in 2023 to ensure our residents have safe drinking water – a basic health need for our community.
- Compiling and analyzing data to create a clear picture of the current state of health care access in Eau Claire County.

Whereas, these and many other health department efforts have a positive impact on our community’s health and safety, and;

Whereas, many factors and partnerships play a role in a healthy and thriving community, including working together to improve education, employment, safe homes, safe and healthy food and water, and access to health care and childcare;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Bodeau, on behalf of the Eau Claire City-County Board of Health, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1-7, 2024, as **National Public Health Week 2024** and call upon the people of Eau Claire to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and leaders to join with the health department in its work to improve health for all, in light of this year’s theme, “**Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health.**”



Don Bodeau, President
Eau Claire City-County Board of Health

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Date