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City of El Paso Celebrates National Public Health Week

El Paso, Texas—The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) celebrates National Public Health Week: April 3-9, 2023.

During the first week in April, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health will host various events for schools and the public. The week-long celebration is an opportunity to educate the community, recognize the contributions of public health, and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation's health.

"To ensure everyone lives a healthier and longer life, we must promote disease prevention and identify the root causes of poor health and disease risks to meet the essential care and needs of our community," said City-County Local Health Authority Dr. Hector Ocaranza. "The Department of Public Health aims to provide those essential services to our community, incorporating our cultural out bringing to improve our quality of life and preserve legacies."

This year's theme is "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health," reminding the community that our cultures have always shaped our health. For this NPHW, we look to community leaders as our health leaders. We celebrate the unique and joyful ways different cultures focus on health. And we look to how we can learn from each other with humility and openness.

The community is invited to join the nation in thanking Public Health professionals during National Public Health Week, April 3-9, via the City's social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)) by posting a special thank you message text or video with the hashtags [#ThankYouPublicHealth](#) [#NPHW](#) [#IAmEIPaso](#).

The themes for the weeklong observation are as follows:

- **Monday, April 3 — Community Food and Nutrition**
Socorro Middle School
 - DPH staff will celebrate with information tables and presentations promoting healthy eating and nutrition to Socorro Middle School teachers and parents.
- **Tuesday, April 4 — Violence Prevention**
Garcia-Enriquez Middle School in San Elizario
 - DPH staff will partner with the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence to provide a presentation to Garcia-Enriquez Middle School students and parents on Healthy Relationships.

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- **Wednesday, April 5 — Reproductive and Sexual Health**
9 AM – 2 PM | EPCC Valle Verde Campus – Building C, 919 Hunter Dr.
Open to the public
 - The public is invited to an information fair to educate and connect residents to sexual health and reproductive services. There will be free giveaways, free HIV testing by DPH, free Hepatitis C testing by Centro San Vicente, free HPV vaccines provided by Texas Tech's Tiempo de Vacunarte program, and resources from our various partners.
- **Thursday, April 6 — Mental Health**
 - DPH staff will provide a Mental Health presentation to Fabens High School students and pass out parent packets with information at the parent pickup line.
- **Friday, April 7 — Rural Health**
10 AM – 2 PM | Valle Bajo Community Center & Library, 7380 Alameda Ave.
Open to the public
 - Indoor Health Fair providing resources for individuals living with disabilities. Organizations partnering are EPCC ASL sign language club, the City of El Paso ADA office, Volar Center for Independent Living, Sun Metro LIFT, and Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA – Legal Aid).

For more information, visit www.EPHealth.com.

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