



Rock County Public Health staff, February 2024

PUBLIC HEALTH HIGHLIGHT: NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Rock County Public Health (RCPH) celebrated [National Public Health Week](#) (NPHW) earlier this month. NPHW is an annual event that recognizes the work of public health professionals and everything they do to keep people healthy. This year's NPHW theme was "Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We Are All Public Health". Every year, NPHW is an opportunity for us to reflect on our work, but we also want to take a moment to thank our partners and Rock County residents for their contributions to public health.

As a special way to celebrate this year, we unveiled our new logo:



Our new logo represents our department and the work we do to help keep Rock County safe. The five shapes represent the five Foundational Areas of the [Foundational Public Health Services](#), one of our guiding principles as a local public health department. The shapes, like leaves, represent our work to improve the whole environment to ensure Rock County can reach its full health potential. Like conversation bubbles, the shapes also represent the importance of community engagement.

See our [new annual report](#) for a look at some of our work across the last year. [Stay up to date](#) on our work by following us on social media and subscribing to our content.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Prescription Drug Collection

RCPH staff will be at the [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#) Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 21 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., supporting Rock County's [Prescription Drug Collection program](#).

Prescription drug collection events help provide a safe, convenient, and responsible way of disposing medications. Anyone with unwanted or unused medication is welcome to drop them off for safe disposal.

We will not be accepting sharps. Please check with your primary care provider or local pharmacy for sharps disposal options.

Temporary Food Stand Training

Are you an existing or new food stand operator? Join our Environmental Health staff for a FREE temporary food stand training at the [Beloit Public Library](#)!

This open house style training will include topics like basic set up, hand washing, assistance with license applications, and much more.

Walk-ins are welcome during either session, and trainers will be available to help you one-on-one or in a small group. Please call (608) 757-5440 with questions.

Visit our [Licensing & Permits](#) page to learn about the different types of public establishments we license in Rock County.

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TEMPORARY FOOD STAND TRAINING

for existing and new food stand operators! **FREE!**

Session One: Thursday, April 11 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Beloit Public Library Classroom 111
Session Two: Tuesday, May 14 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Walk Ins Welcome No RSVP needed

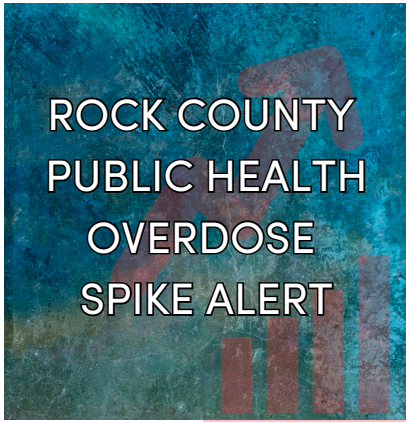
Beloit NAACP NARCAN Training

Public Health Strategist Shari Faber presented data about racial disparities in overdose rates and provided a Naloxone/NARCAN training at the Beloit NAACP meeting on April 4.

Twenty-six people were trained in how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose using NARCAN.



IN THE MEDIA



Overdose Spike Alert

Thank you to our local media partners, including [Janesville Gazette](#), [WCLO](#), and [Spectrum News](#), who recently shared important updates regarding a spike in drug overdose cases linked to cocaine.

Visit Rock County's [Overdose Prevention](#) page to learn more about local overdose prevention resources, including Hope Kits, and safer use supplies.

To sign up for Overdose Spike Alerts, please [subscribe here](#).

PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Tabletop Exercise

We recently hosted a tabletop exercise with our local healthcare and emergency preparedness partners to test our response to a simulated infectious disease outbreak. A tabletop is a discussion-based exercise where emergency responders meet to discuss their roles and responsibilities in emergency situations. The exercise was a great opportunity to meet with our partners, discuss how we would respond to an infectious disease threat in Rock County, and share information about our emergency policies and practices.



Questions or feedback? We would love to hear from you! [Send us a message](#) on our website.

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