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HEALTH DEPARTMENT OBSERVES PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

In recognition of National Public Health Week, Governor Bruce Rauner, through a proclamation, has declared April 3-9, 2017, as Public Health Week in Illinois and calls upon "residents to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and leaders better understand the value of public health and adopt preventative lifestyle habits in light of this year's theme." The theme for this year is "Healthiest Nation 2030." The Logan County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) also joins the Governor in recognition of Public Health Week.

Public health plays an important role in the well being of communities across the nation and in Logan County. Some of the greatest achievements attributed to public health according to the Centers for Disease Control include the development of immunizations, motor vehicle safety, safer workplaces, control of infectious diseases, decline in heart disease and stroke fatalities, safe and healthier foods, healthier mothers and babies, family planning, fluoride in drinking water and recognition of tobacco as a health hazard. The LCDPH and public health agencies nationwide play a substantial role in accomplishing these achievements.

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To celebrate Public Health Week, the LCDPH welcomes Southern Illinois University (SIU) Center for Family Medicine who began operations of their new medical clinic on April 3, 2017 at the health department located at 109 3rd Street, Lincoln, Illinois. The construction of the clinic was made possible by the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital (ALMH) Foundation. In addition to medical care, SIU will oversee operation of the dental clinic and the health department will continue to provide traditional services.

The addition of the SIU medical clinic to the community will help meet a public health initiative by making access to affordable quality healthcare a reality for many. The SIU Center for Family Medicine clinic is now taking appointments. To schedule your medical appointment, contact the Logan County Department of Public Health at 217-735-2317. SIU looks forward to partnering with LCDPH and ALMH to serve Logan County area residents to meet their medical and dental needs.

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