

St. Lawrence County Public Health Department

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Press Release

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April is National County Government Month

Canton, NY — As April approaches, so does an opportunity to celebrate the vital role of county government in our community. National County Government Month is observed annually in April.

The theme for this year's tribute is "Forward Together," which emphasizes the pillars of county government: connecting, inspiring, and leading towards solutions that build trust. St. Lawrence County is committed to fostering connections among residents, businesses, government agencies, and community organizations to create a more vibrant and resilient county.

St. Lawrence County's government departments play a vital role in the efficient functioning and development of the region. From public safety and emergency services to infrastructure, healthcare, education, and environmental conservation, county government plays a central role in enhancing the quality of life for all who call St. Lawrence County home. Together, these departments with community partners form the backbone of public health, fostering growth, resilience, and a high quality of life for its residents.

St. Lawrence County Public Health Department has achieved significant milestones, contributing to the prosperity and well-being of the region. In 2023, some accomplishments include:

- Our nursing staff providing 484 COVID-19 vaccinations;
- Our Rabies Prevention Program organizing 22 free vaccine clinics throughout the county, where 1,783 shots were given to animals;
- Our Early Intervention Service Coordinators completing a total of 347 home visits, and 862 phone meetings;
- Our staff involved with 45 community outreach events including presentations, wellness fairs, and educational sessions;

"No one organization can meet the needs of every resident, which is why working together is so important. We are able to share opportunities and resources across departments of government while coming together as a community." noted Carly Zimmermann, Interim Public Health Director.

Let's come together to celebrate and recognize the achievements of St. Lawrence County government as we continue to strive for progress, prosperity, and inclusivity in our community.



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