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Health District Celebrates 30th Anniversary and National Public Health Week

National Public Health Week, celebrated April 1-7, 2019, is a time to recognize those working to improve our nation's health by preventing disease, promoting health, and protecting the environment.

In a county ranked among the healthiest in Texas, inequities and causes of poor health and disease risk among individuals within our communities still needs to addressed. Where we live, learn, work, worship and play affects each of us and can determine our health and life expectancy.

Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) is deliberate and proactive in its approach to improving the overall health of the community. In 2018 WCCHD and partners embarked on a seven-month Community Health Assessment process, engaging a wide range of community input to produce a collaborative and comprehensive health assessment that will be used to develop the 2020-2022 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The WilCo Wellness Alliance's (WWA) working groups comprised of education, healthcare, business, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and government agencies are active and ongoing leaders in this collaborative process. Public comment on the 2019 CHA is available at www.healthywilliamsoncounty.org.

WCCHD works to improve the County's health by:

- Detecting and investigating disease outbreaks and food-borne illnesses
- Protecting the health of mothers and children through the WIC community nutrition program
- Providing health screenings and testing for communicable diseases
- Preventing illness by providing vaccines for uninsured and underinsured children and uninsured adults
- Helping connect residents to programs to pay for medical care and basic needs
- Monitoring food safety through inspecting retail food establishments and daycare facilities
- Preparing for and responding to public health emergencies

The Williamson County and Cities Health District has provided public health services to Williamson County since 1943 when it was known as the Williamson County Health Department. In 1989 it was organized as a Health District via a cooperative agreement between the governing bodies of the cities of Cedar Park, Georgetown, Round Rock, and Taylor and the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

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