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DuPage County Health Department reminds residents during Public Health Week 2007 to prepare for health emergencies

The DuPage County Health Department is using Public Health Week 2007, a national observance from April 2 to April 7, to remind DuPage County residents to prepare for public health emergencies.

The American Public Health Association annually publicizes Public Health Week to bring attention to important public health issues. The APHA notes that a 2006 poll conducted by Marist College Institute for Public Opinion found only 31 percent of Americans have any emergency plans in place.

The DuPage County Health Department urges residents to visit and become familiar with www.protectdupage.org, a local website that contains valuable information regarding all types of emergency information. This website would also be used in an emergency to distribute news to county residents.

For additional information on preparing for an emergency, contact the health department's Emergency and Disease Control office at (630) 682-7979, ext. xxxx.

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