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Established in 1945, DuPage County Health Department promotes physical and emotional health; prevents illness injury and disability; protects health from environmental risk factors, and strives to assure the provision of accessible, quality service.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Health Department Hosts “Pool Safely” Seminar

DUPAGE COUNTY—The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) has partnered with the National Safety Council and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to host a free seminar for public pool and spa regulators and industry professionals to learn ways to prevent drownings and drain entrapments.

Over 150 DuPage County pool and spa regulators and industry professionals are expected to attend the seminar at Medinah Shrine Center, 550 N. Shriners Drive, Addison, at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, as part of the National Pool Safely Campaign.

In October 2018, DCHD received funding from the Pool Safely Grant Program to provide assistance for enforcement, training and education of pool safety requirements that are intended to save lives and prevent serious injuries. The grant program, authorized through the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, was passed by Congress and signed into law 2007.

In 2010, the CPSC created Pool Safely: Simple Steps to Save Lives, a national public education campaign aimed at reducing child drownings and non-fatal submersions and entrapments in public swimming pools and spas.

Last year, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, there were six pool and spa drownings in Illinois involving children younger than 15. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger. Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States.

DCHD regulates about 700 public pools and spas. Our partnering building departments regulate initial construction, and the more than 10,000 existing residential pools in DuPage County.

Visit <https://www.poolsafely.gov/> for more information about the National Pool Safely Program.

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