



## What is Public Health?

Public Health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health through organized community efforts.

**Collaborating with the community is essential in working to improve the health of Schuyler County residents.** We work with the community to help prevent disease and promote health in the county in many ways.

- ◆ **Community Health Assessment** process is completed every three years to get a snapshot of how health is in the community, what the community's needs are, and what resources the county has to address the issues facing the county. As part of this process, we also develop a **Community Health Improvement Plan** to help guide the community in its health goals.
- ◆ We also work with **Community Coalitions** to help combat some of the biggest health problems facing the county.



## What are Community Coalitions?

### HEAL Schuyler

#### Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL)

**Schuyler** is made up of agencies, businesses, and concerned community members who work together to help reduce obesity in Schuyler County.

### SCCUDD

#### Schuyler County Coalition on Underage Drinking and Drugs

is a group of dedicated community members, businesses, and agencies that work to prevent, reduce, and delay the onset of substance use among Schuyler County youth by collaborating with our community partners, promoting prevention education and substance-free activities, and implementing environmental strategies.

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**Working hand in hand with the community to prevent, promote and protect.**

# Schuyler County Public Health



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Schuyler County, NY

## WHAT WE DO

Our **mission** is to protect and empower our community to be safe, healthy and prepared.

Our **vision** is a connected community of healthy people and safe places.

For more information, visit  
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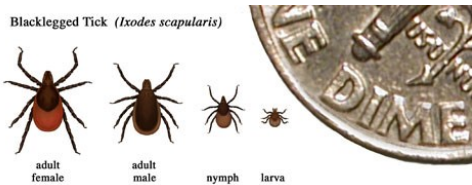


## Our Programs and Services

**Chronic Disease** prevention programs work to raise community awareness of chronic diseases and how they can be prevented. We promote physical activity, healthy eating, and tobacco cessation. We also provide the community with information to help them make healthy choices and help community members with chronic diseases manage their illness and improve their quality of life. Schuyler County Public Health works to make the healthy choice the easy choice.



Blacklegged Tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)



**Communicable Disease** control programs investigate all communicable disease reports in the County to identify the source of the infection and ensure proper treatment, identify those at risk, and provide education to help prevent further spread of disease. We provide surveillance of health issues that arise in the County and maintain regular contact with health care providers and schools. We also work to promote vaccination in the community through education and by providing clinics for both people and animals.

**Environmental Health** efforts in Schuyler County are mostly completed by the New York State Department of Health's District Office in Hornell. The Hornell District Office protects the health of the public through a variety of programs including those that ensure that food and indoor air quality are safe in locations like restaurants and hotels. Locally, Schuyler County Public Health works to prevent lead poisoning in children, to assure the safety of ground and surface water, and to prevent injuries. We provide education and collaborate with community partners to protect the public's health.



**Emergency Preparedness and Response** works to ensure community organizations and the public are prepared in case of an emergency. We plan, train for, and respond to potential emergencies that could strike the County and the surrounding area. We also rely on the support of community volunteers in the Medical Reserve Corps who help provide manpower in case of an emergency.

**Family Health** programs are available to provide Schuyler County parents with the opportunity to give their children a healthy start in life. Schuyler County Public Health offers home visits for all parents in the County. Through these visits, families can get education, support, and tips they can use to help them parent to their fullest potential. Schuyler County Public Health provides outreach and education in the community about reproductive health and family planning. We also work with other agencies and individuals in the community to ensure local policies make the County a place where children can grow up healthy and happy.



**Children's Programs** include the Early Intervention Program, the Children with Special Health Care Needs program, and the Preschool Special Education Program. For these programs, Schuyler County Public Health works with families to coordinate health care and educational services for children in Schuyler County. We match families with providers, family support services, and other assistance needed to ensure Schuyler County children have the resources they need to reach their full potential.