ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Linda Conlon, MPH, BAN, RN
Director/Health Officer

Marta McMillion, MPH, MS, CHES
Assistant Director

To protect, nurture, and advance
the health of our community

For Immediate Release
Contact: Oneida County Health Department, 715-369-6111
June 2, 2021

June Is National Healthy Homes Month

In the U.S. today, people spend close to 90% of their time indoors. June has been designated National Healthy Homes Month (NHHM) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to promote an outreach campaign designed to help people connect the dots between their health and their home. This year's overarching theme, "The Power of Partnerships," recognizes that through the support of partners we can broaden the range of channels for educating communities, families, and individuals.

A healthy home is important to homeowners, renters, older persons, children, and others regardless of race, income, education, or social status. National Healthy Homes Month focuses on the importance of home assessments, and the impact awareness can have on your health. NHHM also empowers people to make change in order to create the healthiest home possible for themselves and their family.

Currently, millions of U.S. homes have moderate to severe physical housing problems, including dilapidated structure; roofing problems; heating, plumbing, and electrical issues; water leaks; pests; damaged or lead paint; and high radon gas levels. These conditions are associated with a wide range of health issues, including unintentional injuries, respiratory illnesses like asthma and radon-induced lung cancer, and lead poisoning. The health and economic burdens from preventable hazards associated within a home are considerable, and cost billions of dollars.

National Healthy Homes Month (NHHM) was established to focus national attention on ways to keep people of all ages safe and healthy in their home. Press releases and social media posts are planned throughout the month to promote awareness and advocacy, and provide resources and support to drive families to take action. Visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website for more information: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/environmental/safe-home.htm

Phone: (715) 369-6111
Fax: (715) 369-6112
ochd@co.oneida.wi.us
www.OneidaCountyPublicHealth.org

100 W. Keenan Street
Rhinelander, WI 54501
Monday – Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM

Embracing change, partnerships, and best practices to lead
Oneida County to a healthy and equitable future