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National Public Health Week April 4-10

(Woodland, CA) – Annually, National Public Health Week recognizes the accomplishments of Public Health agencies both locally and nationally. This year, Public Health Week will be celebrated April 4-10 with the theme “Safety is *NO* Accident – Live Injury-Free.” The Yolo County Health Department has several injury prevention programs, two of which will be highlighted during Public Health Week:

- **April 6, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** - the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention program will display items that can be high in lead in the Herbert Bauer Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health building at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland. During this time staff will be available to answer questions about lead and demonstrate how to test common household items for lead. Although lead poisoning can happen throughout the life span, it especially affects children up to 6 years of age.
- **April 8, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** - the Car Seat Safety program will be sponsoring a free car seat inspection event in the parking lot of the Herbert Bauer Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health building at 137 N. Cottonwood Street. Inspections will be on a first come, first served basis. In Yolo County, over 85% of child safety seats inspected have two or more errors in use that decrease the ability of the seat to keep a child safe in a crash.

Each year, nearly 150,000 people die from injuries and almost 30 million people have injuries serious enough to visit the emergency room. Furthermore, every day in the U.S., about 75 people die as a result of unintentional poisoning, and another 2,000 are treated in emergency departments.

“Injury is the most expensive medical problem in the United States,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisor Chair Matt Rexroad. “In a single year, \$80 billion will be spent on medical care, another \$326 billion on lost productivity, and an untold amount on social support for the individuals and families caring for the severely injured. In many cases, these costs are increasing because preventative measures are not being taken to prevent injuries and violence.”

“Prevention is the cornerstone of public health,” said Jill Cook, Yolo County Health Director. “Our job is to prevent first, mitigate second. The prevention programs provided by the Yolo County Health Department help keep our residents safe.”

To learn more about Yolo County’s public health programs, visit: www.yolohealth.org. To receive ongoing updates from the Yolo County Health Department, use Twitter: www.twitter.com/yolohealth.

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