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## **Health Department seeks nominations for Health Champion awards**

During National Public Health Week, April 6-12, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department will recognize Douglas County residents who model, encourage and promote health in the community.

As part of the week's celebration, Director Dan Partridge encourages individuals to take the opportunity to nominate their favorite health champions for the Douglas County Health Champion award. The winners will be recognized at the annual Public Health Breakfast on April 10.

The deadline is noon, Feb. 10, and the nomination form can be found at [ldchealth.org](http://ldchealth.org).

Nominees are expected to have:

- Demonstrated efforts that have resulted in a positive health impact on others in the community.
- Been instrumental in starting a new program or growing an existing one, championed a new health policy or initiated change that created a healthier environment.

“Given the strong commitment to advancing public health in Lawrence and Douglas County, many individuals in our community would be deserving of this award,” Partridge said. “Whether they’ve launched a support group, organized a health-related event or volunteered their service, this is an opportunity to recognize those individuals for their efforts.”

This is the eighth year for the Douglas County Health Champion awards. Previous winners: Michel Loomis and Josie Naron, 2013; Ellen Young and Logan Brown, 2014; Rick Martin and Di Xie, 2015; Linda Cottin and Marilyn Hull, 2016; Evan Jorn and Adam and Rachel Rolf, 2017; Melissa Hoffman and Aimee Polson, 2018; and, Mitchell Tegtmeier and Dee Boeck and Gene Wee, 2019.

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