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**What:** National Public Health Week 2009  
Teleconference

**When:** February 12, 2009, 2:30-3:30 pm EST

**Who:** American Public Health Association,  
state affiliates, and member groups



Dear APHA leaders:

For more than a decade, communities around the country have celebrated National Public Health Week (NPHW) each April to help protect and improve our nation's health. Each year, we pick a different issue around which to come together and focus our efforts. NPHW 2009 will serve as the launch of APHA's new campaign – **Building the Foundation for a Healthy America**. Please join us as we celebrate National Public Health Week, April 6-12, 2009, and work to build a solid foundation for a healthy America.

Despite the dramatic progress and a century of public health advancements — the elimination of polio, fluoridation of drinking water and seatbelt laws — our nation's health falls far short of its potential. Our progress has stalled, and we have reached a point where we must examine our health system and the foundation upon which it stands. We have the potential to greatly improve our population's health in the future. By recommitting ourselves to support our nation's public health system, we can build on the successes of the past and establish the solid foundation needed in the future for a healthy nation.

I would like to invite you to join us to discuss how we can partner during NPHW to deliver a strong message to APHA members, affiliate members, the public, policymakers, and our other colleagues in public health and give them the information and tools they need to make public health the foundation of America's health system.

The teleconference will be on **Thursday, February 12, 2009, from 2: 30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. EST. The dial in number is 877-393-3856 and the pass code is 220411.** Attached is the NPHW 2009 toolkit which is also available on the Web site ([www.nphw.org](http://www.nphw.org)). We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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