

How Do You Nominate?

Nominating for the Honor Roll is easy. Just submit the application form with the employee name(s) and title(s), a brief description of how the employee or team meets these criteria, a digital photo of the employee or team, and the approval of the Local Public Health Commissioner or Director to:

phworks@health.state.ny.us

OR

Public Health Works!
New York State Department of Health
Office of Public Health Practice
Corning Tower Room 821
Albany, NY 12237

NOTE: Only Local Health Department Commissioners or Directors can submit a nomination. Each County can only nominate ONE employee or ONE team.

When Do You Nominate?

How about NOW?!

Nominations can occur at anytime before the application deadline. Applications are due by **March 11, 2008** and can be downloaded at http://www.health.state.ny.us/prevention/public_health_works/honor_roll/

Honor Roll members for 2008 will be announced at the Annual Public Health Conference of the New York State Association of County Health Officials to be held April 28-29, 2008.

During 2008, honorees will receive a letter of recognition from the New York State Department of Health Commissioner, Dr. Richard F. Daines, and may be featured in the Public Health Works! Campaign.

For more information about the Public Health Works! Campaign visit: http://www.health.state.ny.us/prevention/public_health_works/

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Get on the Honor Roll



State of New York
Eliot Spitzer, Governor
Department of Health
Richard F. Daines, M.D., Commissioner

Why the HONOR ROLL?

At the heart of all successful public health initiatives are public health workers who promote and protect the public's health and safety. In addition to addressing everyday public health needs, the public health field faces a number of emerging and complex health issues such as:

- Naturally occurring epidemics like E.Coli.
- Public health planning for pandemic influenza, including managing vaccine supplies.
- Environmental health threats to food and drinking water, lead hazards, and safety concerns at children's camps.
- Health problems such as tuberculosis in immigrant populations.
- Disparities in health outcomes.
- The surge in chronic diseases related to the impact of an aging population and increased obesity.
- Opportunities for health promotion and disease prevention in the areas of tobacco control and cancer screening and prevention.
- Emergency preparedness.

The public health workforce also faces many challenges, including large numbers of employees who are retiring, shortages of key professionals and the need for ongoing training and education to ensure that professionals can effectively address emerging public health issues.

In the face of these challenges, local health department professionals work every day to ensure the safety and health of our communities. The **Public Health Works!** Honor Roll recognizes the important and crucial work performed by these professionals and raises awareness among the general public of the importance of public health.

What Makes a Great HONOR ROLL Nominee?

Each local health department in the state is being asked to select an employee or a team of employees for inclusion in the 2008 Honor Roll. Each Honor Roll recognized employee or team should:

- Strive to prevent disease and promote good health
- Exhibit a continued and significant commitment to improving health in the community, and/or
- Provide day-to-day service that enables the local health department to accomplish its mission to protect the public's health, promote good health, and prevent disease

They should also exhibit the following qualities:

- Dedication
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Respect for diverse values and cultures and underserved populations
- Commitment to continued professional growth
- Desire to serve the public

Recognizing and CHOOSING!

The local level nomination process presents the opportunity for multiple employees to be considered for the Statewide Honor Roll. While you can ultimately submit only one name or team, local health departments are encouraged to recognize other outstanding and committed employees as well. Some suggestions in accomplishing this include:

- Recognition events such as a breakfast or awards ceremony, either within the local health department or for the community at large.
- Presentation of individualized awards based on dedication to the field of public health, teamwork, commitment to the community, and many other attributes.
- Public recognition of outstanding employees through media outlets such as posters, press releases, and profiles on local news channels. The New York State Health Department can provide templates for news releases and public service announcements that can be customized for local use.

