



## JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE FORUM SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 9, 2008

(OLATHE, KS –**APRIL 1, 2008**) The Johnson County Health Department and the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) will host a regional community forum from 4:00pm to 5:30pm on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at Johnson County Administration Building, 111 S. Cherry Street, Olathe in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room, Third Floor.

This forum is planned as a celebration of National Public Health Week (April 7-13, 2008). This year's theme is "Climate Change – Our Health in the Balance".

Topics will include health reform issues before the Kansas Legislature, as well as preparedness efforts for pandemic flu. Information about the nationwide "**Get Ready**" campaign and how individuals, families and organizations can plan for emergencies will also be available. The forum will conclude with a brief question and answer session.

"This is a great opportunity to learn about important issues in our community" states Dr. Leon Vinci, Health Director of the Johnson County Health Department. "I urge the public to attend."

The forum is free and open to the public, and no registration is necessary. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to request special accommodations, please contact Barbara Mitchell at the Johnson County Health Department at 913-477-8364 during normal business hours. Requests for special accommodation must be made by close of business on Friday, April 4th.

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