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Personal Hygiene Collection Held until February 15, 2019

In February, the DeKalb County Health Department will be conducting an Emergency Preparedness drill in effort to not only prepare staff for a public health emergency but also to stock DeKalb County food pantries with personal hygiene necessities.

Collections will take place until February 15, 2019 at various drop site locations:

- DeKalb County Health Department
- DeKalb Public Library
- Genoa Public Library
- Kishwaukee YMCA
- Sandwich YMCA
- Sycamore Public Library

DCHD would like to focus on collecting mostly regular-sized items for the collection, although travel sized items will not be turned away. In addition to the above community collection sites, DCHD is challenging organizations and agencies throughout the county to start their own internal collection for the cause. As Cindy Graves, Director of Emergency Preparedness said, “we want to be overwhelmed with the amount of collections received. We hope to continue this collection annually to address needs in the community while exercising a portion of our Emergency Preparedness plan.”

If a business or organization would like to collect items within their agency, items can be dropped off at any of the above community collection sites, or items can be collected from the agency. Please contact Cindy Graves, Emergency Preparedness Director, or Melissa Edwards, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, to schedule collection pick-ups or for questions related to the Personal Hygiene Collection.

Visit the DeKalb County Health Department’s website, or social media sites, for information about health department services. <https://health.dekalbcounty.org/>



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