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### Health department to recognize Environmental Health Professionals Week

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department will take time in March to recognize staff members who keep restaurants, pools and more safe for the community.

Gov. Steve Beshear proclaimed the week of March 22-26 in recognition of Environmental Health professionals. These officials help enforce the smoking ordinance, ensure the safety of restaurants, grocery stores, supermarkets, food production facilities, schools, hotels, mobile home parks, public swimming pools and tattoo studios, along with other health programs like lead-based paint, septic systems, radon, animal rabies and many more.

In 2009, the LFCHD Environmental Health professionals kept busy with a number of different items, including:

- 5,365 foodservice inspections;
- 1,306 public buildings or facilities inspections, such as schools, public pools, hotels/motels;
- 983 animal bite investigations.

“Our Environmental Health professionals work hard behind the scenes each day to keep the people in Lexington-Fayette County safe and healthy,” said Dr. Melinda Rowe, commissioner of health. “Many people don’t know all the tasks these unsung heroes perform daily, whether it’s restaurant inspections for food safety, animal bite investigations, smoking ordinance enforcement or other tasks too numerous to mention. We appreciate the opportunity to recognize our environmental health staff during National Environmental Health Professionals Week.”

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