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County “Combat Cancer” Awareness Day Set for Feb. 17th

Mammogram, HPV Education and Free Vaccines Available

Jan. 26, 2017 - **Clear Creek County Communications, Co.** — Clear Creek County Public Health announces its cancer awareness day on Friday, Feb. 17th, at the Clear Creek Recreation Center, 98 12th Ave., Idaho Springs. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and is free and open to the public. Refreshments and free lunch are all included!

Partnering with the American Cancer Society, Public Health wants to provide a day of cancer awareness, a lunch-N-learn film screening, HPV vaccinations (to prevent cervical cancer), and a mobile mammogram unit, which will provide screenings to ladies 40 years and older. Most insurance (for mammograms and vaccines) is accepted, and billed at the time of service. Services may be free for individuals with no insurance or high-deductibles with qualifying income. For a required appointment, contact Clear Creek County Public Health, Laura Robertson (303-670-7539).

“We are really pleased to offer this important cancer awareness day for our local residents,” said Laura Robertson, County Health Educator. “The chance to carry out education, screening and prevention strategies is an opportunity to elevate health in our community,” she added.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, HPV (human papillomavirus) is the main cause of cervical cancer, and the CDC now recommends 11-12 year olds get two doses of HPV (rather than the previous three doses). In addition, half of cervical cancers occur among women who are rarely or never screened, while another 10-20% of cancers occur among women who have been screened but do not receive proper follow-up care.

For more information on the CDC's recommendations:
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/p1020-hpv-shots.html>

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