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## **Tazewell County Health Department, Carle Health Greater Peoria partner for annual Free Mammogram Day**

Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD) is partnering with Carle Health Greater Peoria for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Free Mammogram Day on Friday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Through funds from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Breast & Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP), eligible women ages 40-64 can receive mammograms free of charge at three area hospitals.

There are no income guidelines to be eligible for these services and those who are uninsured or underinsured are welcome.

Mammograms are critical to early detection of symptoms, early diagnosis and swift treatment. Early detection is key to receiving support needed and increasing the likelihood of positive outcomes. Along with a free mammogram, eligible women may also enroll in the Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program through Tazewell County Health Department. IBCCP offers scheduled, free cervical cancer screenings, which include pelvic exams and pap tests at local health providers.

**WHAT:** A more than two decades long event that offers free mammograms to support the community's most vulnerable with cancer prevention access.

**WHO:** Interviews will be available with:

- Sara Lawson, regional lead mammographer, Carle Health Greater Peoria

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 18, 2024  
10 a.m. – noon

**WHERE:** Carle Health Methodist Diagnostic Center  
112 NE Crescent Ave., Peoria, IL 61606

**MEDIA:** Please RSVP prior to the event with interest to attend to JD Raucci at (309) 929-0395 or Carle Health Public Relations at (217) 902-5201.

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