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Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings

In partnership with the Breast and Cervical Cancer program, Josephine County Public Health is providing free lifesaving cancer screenings for women 50 years and older. Women must be lower income, up to 250% of Federal Poverty Level. For example, a 2-person family must earn less than \$36,425 annually. Women must also be uninsured or underinsured, and rarely or never screened for breast or cervical cancer. The program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure program, and the American Cancer Society.

There are a limited number of appointments available. Please call Public Health at 541-474-5325 to schedule an appointment for an exam with the Nurse Practitioner. A mammogram appointment will be scheduled after this. If all appointments are filled, callers will be placed on a waiting list for future appointments.

All women are at risk for breast cancer. Not counting skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer for women in the U.S. Women who find changes in how the breast looks or feels should talk to a health care provider. There are several risk factors for breast cancer, and getting older is one of them. Other risk factors include: not having children or having children later in life, a family history of breast cancer, excess weight after menopause, drinking alcohol, and physical inactivity.

Cervical cancer used to be the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. However, in the past 40 years, the number of cases of cervical cancer and the number of deaths from cervical cancer have decreased significantly. Regular Pap tests, which can find cervical precancerous cells before they turn into cancer, have contributed to the decline.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Josephine County Public Health at 541-474-5325.

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