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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women other than skin cancer and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. It is estimated that there will be more than 276,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in women across the United States in 2020. Vonda Pruitt, Director of Nursing at the Iroquois County Public Health Department states that “the best chance for detecting breast cancer early is through mammography screenings and earlier detection gives higher survival rates.”

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program serves women across the state with free breast and cervical cancer screenings. The Iroquois County Public Health Department works with the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program to provide free breast and cervical cancer screenings for ALL uninsured and underinsured women in Iroquois County between the ages of 21 and 64. Younger women with symptoms also may qualify. If needed, many treatments are also covered under the program. IBCCP can also help women who need diagnostic services but have a high deductible with their health insurance. Please contact Jane at 815-432-2483 to enroll in this life-saving program. You can also visit www.cancerscreening.illinois.gov for more information.