

Letter to the Editor

April 7th is World Health Day

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April 7th will again bring the importance of health to the forefront. It is World Health Day. In observance of this day, Cancer Services Program of Fulton and Montgomery Counties would like to remind men 50-64, and women 40-64, who are uninsured or underinsured, of the opportunity to get a free breast and/or cervical cancer screening, and/or colorectal cancer screening kit. This is a day to think about your own health.

I encourage men and women to be vigilant, to learn about their personal risk, and get screened. These screenings are an effective tool to detect cancer in its earliest stages and have been successful in reducing cancer and mortality rates.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 17 million women are uninsured, and one-third of all Americans and two-thirds of low-income Americans are uninsured or underinsured at some point during the year.

There are many programs that offer support to men and women with cancer, offering a wide variety of services, such as counseling, education, outreach, and support services. If you are uninsured or underinsured and would like to see if you are eligible for a free screening, please call the Cancer Services Program of Fulton and Montgomery Counties, Suzanne Hagadorn, Program Coordinator at (518) 770-7516.

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