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HEALTH DISTRICT TAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

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DELAWARE, Oh., Jan. 20, 2010 – The Delaware General Health District is taking appointments for the mobile mammography unit's upcoming visits to Delaware.

Breast cancer is a worse-than-average problem in Delaware County compared to the rest of Ohio. Early detection through a mammogram can save a woman's life. The screening process is recommended annually for women 40 and older.

The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute's mobile mammography screening unit will visit Delaware six times in 2010, starting Feb. 16 at Buehler's Food Market. For appointments, phone the Health District Clinic at 740-203-2040.

The James mobile mammography unit will visit the Center for Older Adults of Delaware County, 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware on April 5 and August 23. The unit will return to Buehler's, 800 W. Central Ave., Delaware, on June 30, Oct. 18, and Dec. 16.

Mammograms are performed in the mobile unit in private by specially trained female technologists and interpreted by board-certified expert radiologists. The screening process takes about 10 minutes. Medicare and most insurance plans cover the cost of the service. If Medicare or insurance is not available, please phone the Health District clinic for other assistance in accessing a mammogram. Women without insurance coverage who wish to pay privately will need to provide \$95 at the time of their appointment.

Mammograms can detect breast lumps years before they can be found by self-examination. According to the American Cancer Society, at least 90 percent of breast cancers detected in the early stages can be treated successfully.

Locally, female breast cancer has become the most common form of cancer. Delaware County women had higher breast cancer incidence and death rates than the statewide average in 2000-2005, according to the Ohio Department of Health.