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## Health Department to Host Open House for Public Health Week

Westminster, MD (March 28, 2018) – The Carroll County Health Department invites the public to an open house to celebrate Public Health Week. It will be held on Wednesday, April 4, from  $4:00-6:00\,$  pm at the Health Department's main location, 290 South Center Street in Westminster.

"We want people in the community to know more about what we do, and what services we provide," said Ed Singer, Health Officer. "They may know that we offer free flu shots for kids, or inspect restaurants and offer food permits. But they may not know we offer car seat checks, or same-day birth certificate services. They may not know about the many behind-the-scenes things our employees do to make sure our community is healthy, like ensuring safe well and septic systems, and helping homeless individuals with mental illness."

## Services available at the fair include:

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Adult Immune/Flu Vaccination (\$25.00)
- Free HIV Testing/Hepatitis C Testing
- Drug Prevention, Naloxone Information
- Birth Certificates (\$20)
- Child Safety Car Seat Checks (4 pm to 5 pm only)
- STD Testing/Pregnancy Testing (Those interested in testing should not urinate for 1 hour before screening for accurate results)
- Handwashing Training

Services are free unless otherwise noted. There will also be light refreshments and giveaways.

Upcoming community programs include Operation Prevention, a substance use awareness event on Tuesday, April  $10^{th}$  from 6:00-8:00 pm in Westminster, and an Anti-Rabies Clinic on April 22nd from 2-4 pm at the Agricultural Center in Westminster. For more information on these and

other health department programs and services, visit  $\underline{\text{http://cchd.maryland.gov}}$ , like them on Facebook, or call 410-876-2152.

April  $2^{rd} - 8^{th}$  is National Public Health Week. The theme is Healthiest Nation 2030 – Changing Our Future Together. For more information on Public Health Week, visit <a href="http://www.nphw.org/nphw-2018">http://www.nphw.org/nphw-2018</a>.

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