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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BROWARD COUNTY PROMOTES EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER



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FORT LAUDERDALE, FL— In recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward) encourages all women to receive regular screenings to promote early detection and treatment of breast cancer. Important advances have been made through increased awareness, breast cancer screenings and better treatments.

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), not counting some kinds of skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, no matter a person's race or ethnicity. The American Cancer Society estimates 19,130 new cases are expected in Florida this year alone. In 2018, 2,955 women in Florida died from Female Breast Cancer, of these 263 were in Broward County residents.

What should women do? Make "No excuses, ladies." "Women should talk to their health care provider about their individual risk factors and the frequency of receiving mammograms, as well as complete any recommended mammogram screenings," said Paula Thaqi, MD, MPH, Director at DOH-Broward.

Additionally, women can lower their risk as follows:

- Get and stay at a healthy weight
- Be physically active
- Limit or avoid alcohol
- Choose to breast-feed
- Quit smoking and or vaping

The Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FCCEDP) provides access to the breast and cervical cancer screenings doctors recommend. The Broward FCCEDP serves Broward, Palm Beach and Martin Counties. The screenings are free or low cost for those who meet the program eligibility requirements.

To see if you qualify, call DOH-Broward at: (954) 762-3649 or make an appointment to visit one of these screening events:

October 19, 2019 – 8am-2pm
Holy Cross Hospital/Dorothy
Mangurian Comprehensive Women's Center
1000 NE 56th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334
Call for appointment: (954)762-3649

October 26, 2019 – 10am-2pm
Broward Health/Lilian S. Wells Health Center
1600 S. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
Call for appointment: (954)762-3649

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