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Free Cancer Education Programs Available from The Chester County Health Department

West Chester, PA - The Chester County Health Department provides free, educational programs on risk factors associated with cancer and methods of prevention. Members of the Health Department staff are available to conduct programs at work sites, and with community organizations, schools and faith-based institutions.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, more than 60 percent of cancer deaths could be prevented by modifying risk factors and with early detection. The Chester County Health Department encourages Chester County residents to start the New Year off right by learning risk factors for cancer, practicing preventive behaviors, and talking to primary care providers about screening opportunities. Cancers are most successfully treated when detected at an early stage.

Some of the cancers that are discussed as part of the Health Department cancer education program include:

- **Colorectal cancer** - one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers and the second leading cancer killer affecting both men and women. Colorectal cancer is highly treatable when detected early. Adults between the ages of 50 and 75 years should begin screening immediately.
- **Ovarian cancer** - causes more deaths in women than any other gynecologic cancer because it is not usually diagnosed until the late stages. The education program teaches the signs and symptoms for early detection.
- **Prostate cancer** - the second leading cause of cancer deaths among men. African American men have a higher risk of prostate cancer than white men. Men aged 45-50 should understand the risks of prostate cancer, as well as the different types of screening.

For more information or to schedule a program, visit www.chesco.org/health or call Danielle Borden, Public Health Educator, at 610-344-6243.

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