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Erie County Health Department and Cleveland Clinic Partner to Provide Life-Saving Mammography Services

Sandusky, OH, April 14, 2026 –The Erie County Health Department/Erie County Community Health Center hosted the Cleveland Clinic Mammogram Bus today, providing screenings to women aged 42 and older. This mobile unit brings high-quality diagnostic technology directly to the community, removing barriers to essential preventative healthcare.

This successful collaboration has been on-going for many years. At the April 14 event, 10 women received critical screenings that might otherwise have been inaccessible. These mobile health events remove cost barriers and assists patients with any out of pocket costs.

Annual mammograms remain the most effective tool in the fight against breast cancer. Early detection through regular screening significantly increases the range of treatment options and improves long-term outcomes.

"Early detection is not just a medical recommendation; it is a life-saving necessity," said Peter T. Schade, Erie County Health Commissioner. "Bringing the Cleveland Clinic's expertise to our front door ensures that every woman in our county has the opportunity to take charge of her health."

The initiative is part of a broader effort to ensure that clinical excellence is available to all residents, regardless of their proximity to a traditional hospital setting.

"Providing this type of care directly to our residents is vital," said Heather Westcott, RN, Senior Chief Clinical Officer. "Mobile health services meet people where they are, providing a comfortable and convenient environment for essential care. It is about closing the gap in healthcare access and ensuring our community stays healthy and informed."

For those who were unable to attend today's session, the Cleveland Clinic Mammogram Bus is scheduled to return to the Erie County Health Department on November 18, 2026. In addition to these mobile events, the Erie County Health Department continues to be recognized for excellence in care, having maintained GOLD awardee status for the past two years in a row.

About the Erie County Health Department

The Erie County Health Department's mission is to promote and improve the health and safety of the communities and environment within Erie County while preventing disease through essential public health services. The Erie County Community Health Center is part of the Erie County Health Department and operates eight convenient locations across Erie, Huron, and Ottawa counties, ensuring accessible primary care, dental, and behavioral health services throughout the region.

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