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Free Health Services Offered During “GuardCare” Weekend for Residents of Tuscarawas and Surrounding Counties

Saturday, August 10 & Sunday, August 11

DOVER, Ohio – Free health services will be offered to residents of Tuscarawas and surrounding counties during the 2019 “GuardCare” weekend from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11 at Buckeye Career Center, 545 University Dr. NE, in New Philadelphia.

The health services are being offered through a partnership of the Ohio National Guard, Tuscarawas County Health Department, the Ohio Department of Health and local community partners.

Health services that will be provided at no cost include sports physicals, vital signs screenings, EKG testing, vision screenings, hearing screenings, dental screenings, mental health screenings, drug and alcohol screenings, immunizations, breast and cervical exams, sexually transmitted disease and HIV testing, infant/toddler/young child car seat checks, NARCAN® kit distribution (while supplies last), drug take-back stations, and Medicaid and Affordable Care Act enrollment. No medications will be provided or available.

People who need public transportation to this event can call the Tuscarawas County Mobility Manager at (330) 204-6524.

“All of these health services will be absolutely free to everyone – you will not be asked to pay anything nor asked to provide insurance information. It’s a free healthcare weekend for residents of Tuscarawas and surrounding counties,” said Katie Seward, MPH, health commissioner for the Tuscarawas County Health Department.

Created in 1995, GuardCare is a partnership of the Ohio Adjutant General's Department/Ohio National Guard and the Ohio Department of Health. A GuardCare weekend is usually held once each summer in a different part of the state.

“Through GuardCare, Ohio National Guard soldiers and airmen are able to give back to their community and provide free healthcare services to Ohioans. The added benefit is the training and professional development Guard members gain during the event,” said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general.

“GuardCare is a tremendous program that we are honored to sponsor each year with the Ohio National Guard and a local health department to help serve individuals and families in a different part of the state,” said Amy Acton, MD, MPH, director of the Ohio Department of Health. “GuardCare weekends would not be possible without the collaboration and contributions of local health departments, local health service professionals and other community service providers.”

For more information about this GuardCare weekend, go to the Tuscarawas County Health Department website at www.tchdnow.org.

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NOTE TO NEWS MEDIA: If you plan to attend and would like to arrange interviews while on-site, please check in at the registration table and ask for Health Commissioner Katie Seward, or call her on her cell at (740) 502-9178 prior to arriving.