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January National Health Observance: Cervical Cancer Awareness

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Each month, we feature select National Health Observances (NHOs) that support our mission to improve health across the United States. In January, we're raising awareness about the importance of screening for cervical cancer.

We've listed some resources below that you can use to promote this NHO with your networks.

Cervical Health Awareness Month

More than 11,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year. The good news: vaccination and regular screening can prevent the disease. During Cervical Health Awareness Month, help us educate people about the steps they can take to protect themselves and their loved ones from cervical cancer. Learn about cervical cancer [🔗](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/basic_info/index.htm) (https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/basic_info/index.htm) with this resource from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — and get the details about HPV vaccination [🔗](https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/vaccine-for-hpv.html) (https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/vaccine-for-hpv.html) and screening tests [🔗](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/basic_info/screening.htm) (https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/basic_info/screening.htm). You can share these survivor stories [🔗](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/stories/index.htm) (https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/stories/index.htm) from women who have faced cervical cancer to advocate for screening and prevention — and check out this fact sheet [🔗](https://owh-wh-d9-dev.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/documents/fact-sheet-pap-hpv-tests.pdf) (https://owh-wh-d9-dev.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/documents/fact-sheet-pap-hpv-tests.pdf) from the Office on Women's Health for answers to common questions about pap smears and HPV tests. Our MyHealthfinder materials can help encourage people to get screened for cervical cancer (https://health.gov/myhealthfinder/doctor-visits/screening-tests/get-screened-cervical-cancer) and get their child vaccinated against HPV (https://health.gov/myhealthfinder/doctor-visits/vaccines-shots/get-your-child-hpv-vaccine). Finally, Healthy People 2030 offers evidence-based resources (https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/browse-objectives/cancer/evidence-based-resources) related to cervical cancer that you can use in your work.

We hope you'll help us share this important NHO with your networks. Together, we can take steps to improve health for all people across the nation!

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