OCTOBER

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

The good news is that many women can survive breast cancer if it’s found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it’s easier to treat.

• If you are a woman age 40 to 49, talk with your doctor about when to start getting mammograms and how often to get them.

 • If you are a woman age 50 to 74, be sure to get a mammogram every 2 years. You may also choose to get them more often.

 Talk to a doctor about your risk for breast cancer, especially if a close family member of yours has had breast or ovarian cancer. Your doctor can help you decide when and how often to get mammograms.

# Awareness events planned for October in Licking County:

**Oct. 20, 2017**

* National Mammography Day at Licking Memorial Hospital, 7 a.m to 6 p.m. at Women's Imaging Center at Licking Memorial Hospital and Licking Memorial Women's Health, 15 Messimer Drive. Free mammograms will be available to 75 women. Anyone interested should contact their doctor for more information or to set up an appointment.