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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Public Meeting to Discuss Cancer in Johnson County Scheduled for Monday, June 30**

IOWA CITY, Iowa – Johnson County Public Health invites community members to attend the following event, which aligns with ongoing work outlined in Johnson County Public Health's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), a community-driven roadmap focused on improving health and well-being.

**WHAT:** The Iowa Cancer Registry and University of Iowa College of Public Health, in collaboration with the Iowa Cancer Consortium, University of Iowa Health Care Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Iowa Rural Health Association, is hosting the Cancer in Iowa: 99 Counties Project to present county-specific cancer information and address community concerns in each of Iowa's 99 counties.

The meeting for Johnson County is **Monday, June 30 at 4 p.m.** Residents, public health officials, community leaders, and policy makers are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion. Representatives from the 99 Counties Project will share the latest cancer data related to Johnson County and provide residents an opportunity to voice concerns or suggestions for improving cancer outcomes in the community.

#### **About the Cancer in Iowa: 99 Counties Project**

The 99 Counties Project is a public health initiative aimed at enhancing cancer education and community engagement across Iowa's 99 counties. Reports containing information about the rates of new cancers and cancer deaths in each county compared to the state of Iowa and the US, as well as risk factor data from the CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, will be presented to each county. There will be time allotted to listening to the questions, concerns, and ideas of community members.

#### **WHO:** Guest speakers include:

- Mary Charlton, PhD, Director of the Iowa Cancer Registry and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Iowa College of Public Health
- Whitney Zahnd, PhD, Past-president of the Iowa Rural Health Association and Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa Department of Health Management and Policy

**WHEN:** June 30 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM

**WHERE:** Attend online or in-person – Register for the event [here](#)

In-person location: 855 S Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA  
Boardroom 301 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

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