

## Mobile Lung Screening in Meigs County

The Meigs County Health Department again will host The James/The Ohio State University (OSU) Comprehensive Cancer Center's mobile lung screening unit on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon-4PM at 112 E. Memorial Drive in Pomeroy, Ohio.

Early detection saves lives as acknowledged by 63-year-old Meigs County resident and Marine Corp Veteran Mike Penrod of Middleport, who is glad he utilized The James/OSU Mobile Lung Screening unit in March 2024 at the Meigs County Health Department. He said, "this simple screening test saved my life."

In general, lung cancer screening is recommended once a year for people who are 50-77 years old, a current smoker with a history of smoking one pack per day for 20 years, and ex-smokers who have quit within the past 15 years. Registration is required. Call 614-293-6939 today to schedule your appointment.

In Meigs County, lung and bronchus cancer is the leading cause of cancer cases, accounting for 19.0% of all new invasive cancer incidence. In addition, lung and bronchus cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Meigs County, accounting for 27.8% of all cancer deaths. (Meigs County Cancer Profile 2025)

Did you know:

- Cigarette smoking is the #1 risk factor for lung cancer? Smoking causes 8.5 out of 10 cases of lung cancer.
- Lung cancer is the #1 cancer killer of both men and women? In the US, lung cancer claims more lives than breast, ovarian, colon, kidney, melanoma, prostate and testicular cancers combined.
- Only 20.5% of all people diagnosed with lung cancer will survive five years or more, but if it is caught before it spreads, the chance for five-year survival improves dramatically?
- Screening has been proven to reduce lung cancer deaths by 20%?
- The most common ages of lung cancer diagnosis are between 65-74 years of age?

Lung screening is a fast, painless process using a low-dose computerized tomography (CT) scan to take pictures of the lungs for the early signs of cancer and other diseases. It takes less than a minute as the patient fully dressed in their clothes lies down on a table.

Prior to each CT appointment, patients will receive a phone call from the provider to determine eligibility. After the CT scan is completed, patients will receive their results via MyChart or a mailed letter. If there are abnormal results, patients will be contacted and follow-up appointment(s) will be made.

For more information, call 614-293-6939.

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