

January 8, 2024

Hello,

I the attached the monthly update for Marshall County, you will see that January is cervical health awareness month. RSV, COVID, and the flu is elevated in Marshall as well as the state.

As always, feel free to contact me anytime.

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## January is cervical health awareness month!

DID YOU KNOW?

## Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women globally.

- More than 14,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer each year.
- Cervical cancer is caused by persistent infection with Human Papillomarvirus (HPV)

Do you know how to protect yourself from cervical cancer?

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection. An estimated 20 million Americans are infected!

HPV vaccine is the most effective prevention tool for HPV and is recommended for anyone 9-26.

Untreated HPV will cause 95% of cervical cancers.

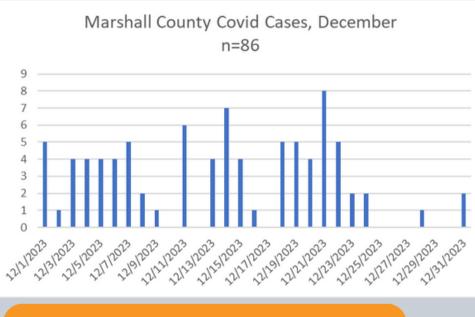
Don't smoke.

Practice safe sex. Talk to your doctor about testing for HPV.

For any questions, please call the Marshall County Health Department at 270-527-1496.



## **Respiratory Illness**



## Statewide: Covid-19, RSV, and Influenza activity is Elevated.

Hospitalizations for Influenza are **INCREASING.** <u>(Data is as of January 4, 2024)</u>

2023-24 Influenza Season Week 52 ending December 30, 2023

Seasonal Influenza activity continues to increase in most parts of the country. ILI Activity Level The number of weekly flu Very High hospital admissions continues to increase High nationwide. **CDC estimates there have** Moderate been at least 10 million illnesses, 110,000 hospitalizations, and Minimal 6,500 deaths from flu so far this season.

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