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MEDIA RELEASE

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CHRISTIAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HOST FREE CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

Taylorville, IL - On Monday, November 27, 2023 the Christian County Health Department is hosting a free car seat safety check from 8:30am-3pm at their facility. The Christian County Health Department is located at 902 W. Springfield Rd, Taylorville, IL 62568.

The Health Department's Emergency Response Coordinator, Bryan Delendik Jr. is a Certified National Child Passenger Seat Technician and has been educated to make sure child car seats are installed correctly, and educate parents and caregivers how to use and install a car seat on their own. This one on one safety check takes approximately 30 minutes depending on your car seat and type of vehicle. During the appointment, Bryan will go over ensuring you have the proper car seat for your child's age, weight and height, review the car seat instructions and the vehicle owner's manual. Additionally, he will check for recalls, damage and an expiration date for the car seat. He will also go over the next steps as to when your child may be ready for the next type of car seat and answer any questions.

To have your car seat checked, please call the Health Department at 217-824-4113 to schedule an appointment. Please bring the child who will be riding in the seat, the vehicle owner's manual and the car seat instruction manual, if possible. If the child is not available for the appointment, you will need to provide their height and weight. When you arrive for your appointment there will be a designated area marked with cones pull into that area and wait until a staff member comes to your vehicle.

The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration states car seats and boosters provide protection for infants and children in a crash, yet car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. That is why it is so important to choose, install and use the right car seat every time your child is in the car.

Any questions please contact the Christian County Health Department 217-824-4113

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