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## Free health care services in Lucas County for Ohio residents

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio National Guard, together with the Ohio Department of Health, the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and ProMedica will provide free health services in Lucas County to Ohio residents, through a cooperative program called GuardCare.

This year, the Ohio National Guard program that provides free health services while contributing to the Guard's medical training readiness, will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, 635 N. Erie St., Toledo, Ohio 43604. GuardCare is hosted each year in a different medically-underserved Ohio community and services are free to all Ohio residents who attend, regardless of income.

“We are very pleased to be able to bring medical services to the residents of Lucas County and Ohio,” said Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst, Ohio adjutant general. “The men and women who fill the ranks of our medical units are among the best and brightest that Ohio has to offer. It is very encouraging to see those who work in professional patient care donate their time to serve their country and their communities throughout Ohio.”

Free services will include physicals, childhood and adult immunizations, hearing and vision screenings, dental screenings, HIV testing, lab work (\*Lipid Profile, \*Glucose, \*CMP as needed), lead testing for children, electrocardiograms and Pap tests. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or provide written consent. \*Some Lab work requires 12-hour fasting.

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Through GuardCare, Ohio National Guard medical personnel support and assist local health care providers; they do not replace them. The support meets an existing need and provides National Guard medical personnel with valuable and realistic training.

The Ohio National Guard initiated the GuardCare program in 1995 after Congress authorized the use of military personnel in medically-underserved communities as part of the Defense Department's Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program.

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