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Macon County Health Department and HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital
to Co-host Car Seat Check Event
Decatur, IL - The Macon County Health Department (MCHD) and HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital are pleased
to announce their participation in Child Passenger Safety Week by hosting an event on September
20th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This campaign is dedicated to helping parents and caregivers
make sure their children ride as safely as possible — every trip, every time. Child Passenger Safety
Week runs from Sept. 15-21. This event is one of 101 in Illinois that are sponsored by the Illinois
Department of Transportation.

Every day in Illinois, thousands of parents and caregivers travel with children in their vehicles.
While some children are buckled in properly in the correct car seats for their age and size, most
are not, if they are buckled up at all. As parents and caregivers, we have a long list of things we do
for our children to show our love. One of the simplest and most important things on the list should
be to make sure they are in the right car seat for their age and size by getting your car seats
checked.

By attending the car seat check event at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital on September 20th, parents and
caregivers can be sure their kids are riding as safely as possible. The number one goal is to make
sure every child leaves the event safer than they arrived. Child Passenger Safety Technicians will
check the seat for secure fit, explain the law, look up recalls and more.

Always remember to register your car seat and booster seat with the car seat manufacturer so you
are notified in the event of a recall. Parents and caregivers can view more information on car seat
safety and locate a certified technician at www.nhtsa.gov/carseat.

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