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HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HOST PUBLIC FORUM ON 2007 CLEAN IN-DOOR AIR ACT

LEONARDTOWN, MD (February 20, 2007) – The St. Mary's County Health Department will host a public Forum on Thursday, March 1, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, 24005 Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650.

The public forum is being held to educate the public about Maryland's Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007 which would provide 100 percent smoke free environments for all workers and patrons of public establishments, including bars and restaurants. In addition, participants will learn about the harmful effects of second hand smoke, and positive ways they can support this legislation. Representatives from the American Cancer Society, St. Mary's County Health Department, and the University of Maryland School of Law Legal Resource Center for Tobacco Regulation, Litigation and Advocacy will be on hand. There will be a question and answer session. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Public Forum will be videotaped for subsequent broadcast on Channel 95. For a copy of the current weekly Channel 95 programming schedule, visit <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/docs/ch95/> or contact

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the St. Mary's County Public Information Office. For more information about the forum, please contact St. Mary's County Wellness and Health Promotion Program at 301-475-4356.

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