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## Jungle Jim's offers health fair Saturday

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**FAIRFIELD** — For the first time, Jungle Jim's will collaborate with Mercy Health Partners to put on a new health fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The event, called "Spring Into Health," combines Jungle Jim's healthy foods selection and Mercy's health screenings. In addition to its selection of foods from around the world, Jungle Jim's offers a wide range of natural foods, special dietary options and supplements to promote a healthy diet.

"We believe that the bonding between well-established entities Mercy Health Fairfield Hospital and Jungle Jim's is a perfect fit," says Steve Suddendorf, sales manager at the Oscar Event Center. "Regular screenings can help with prevention of certain diseases, and improve the overall health of an individual; while natural foods offer vital nutrition to help you maintain optimal health. Screenings and eating well are a perfect team, and we're excited to share it with everybody."

A variety of screenings will be provided by Mercy Health – Fairfield Hospital's professional staff and more than 40 booths of vendors from across the country, featuring natural foods products that are also available at Jungle Jim's daily.

Samples and educational advice will be provided by health professionals in a variety of areas, including guest speakers that will be sharing their knowledge on a variety of subjects. Jim Breech and other retired Bengals will be available for photos and autographs from noon to 2 p.m.

Fairfield Councilman Mike Snyder said the event combines two prior events.

"There had been a Jungle Jim's Weekend of Wellness that was normally held in August, and the Mercy Health Fair that was normally held in October," he said.

Nanette Bentley, spokeswoman for Mercy, said, "We're longtime partners with Jungle Jim's and we've done a number of health events ... there's going to be all sorts of health screenings. We'll have our speakers there giving folks health advice."

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### HOW TO GO

**What:** Spring Into Health wellness event

**When:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 1

**Where:** Oscar Event Center, 5440 Dixie Highway, Fairfield

**Cost:** Free

**More info:** [www.junglefests.com](http://www.junglefests.com)

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