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NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY: JUNE 27

Free HIV Testing at Participating Walgreens Stores



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St. Lucie County, FL — In recognition of National HIV Testing Day, The Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County (DOH-St. Lucie) is partnering with <u>Greater Than AIDS</u> and Walgreens stores to provide free HIV testing on Monday, June 27.

The DOH-St. Lucie team will provide free HIV tests and counseling at the Walgreens store located at 2501 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment is needed. Visit, <u>https://www.greaterthan.org/free-testing-nhtd-2022/</u> to find additional testing locations.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 13% of the estimated 1.2 million living with HIV today are not aware of their status. Early diagnosis and treatment are vital to preserving health and preventing transmission.

HIV-negative individuals are encouraged to reduce the chance of contracting HIV by using prevention strategies. Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) medication is available through DOH-St. Lucie. PrEP is a once-daily pill that can reduce the chance of acquiring HIV in HIV-negative individuals. PrEP should be used in conjunction with other prevention methods like condoms to reduce the chance of infection.

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