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National HIV Testing Day

National HIV Testing Day is observed each year on June 27 to highlight the importance of HIV testing. The 2023 theme is “Take the Test, Take the Next Step.” This theme emphasizes that knowing your HIV status helps you choose options to stay healthy.

HIV testing, including self-testing, is the way to engaging people in care to keep them healthy, regardless of their test result. People who receive a negative test result can take advantage of HIV prevention tools such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), condoms, and other sexual health services such as vaccines and testing for sexually transmitted infections. People who receive a positive test result can rapidly start HIV treatment (antiretroviral therapy, or ART) to stay healthy.

Diagnosing individuals as soon as possible and ensuring the availability of multiple HIV testing modalities to best meet the needs of populations with increased risk of transmission due to a wide range of social, economic, and demographic factors (such as stigma, discrimination, etc.) is essential.

Testing, including self-testing, regardless of the test result, is the first step to care or prevention. It is a critical tool to help end the HIV epidemic in the United States.

JCDPH offers free, confidential HIV testing Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM-5:00 PM. Call 828-586-8994 to schedule an appointment for HIV testing.

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