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NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY- "TAKE THE TEST, TAKE CONTROL"

Collier: June 27th marks the 17th annual observance of National HIV Testing Day (NHTD), which reminds all Americans that HIV testing is an important step in the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone between the ages of 14 and 64 take an HIV test at least once a year. The decision to take the test is the first step in taking responsibility for your health and the health of others with whom you may be intimately involved.

An estimated 52,000 Americans each year are newly infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Approximately 8 percent of those new infections occur in Florida. New CDC data indicates that there are now over 1.7 million Americans living with HIV, and at least 25 percent of those do not know that they are HIV-positive.

In Collier County, there have been nearly 1400 reported cases of HIV/AIDS, our average number of new cases for the past ten years has been 68 cases a year. Whether we realize it or not, HIV/AIDS is in our neighborhoods, and it affects all of us here in Collier County.

June 21 FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Planned Parenthood- Naples

10am - 2pm

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| June 27 | FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center | 8am - 4pm |
| | FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee | 1pm - 4pm |
| | FREE HIV Testing : Project Help | 9am – 4pm |
| | FREE Rapid HIV Testing and STD & HEP Screening: Collier County Health Dept.- Naples | 8:30am - 4pm |
| June 28 | FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center | 8am - 4pm |
| | FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee | 1pm - 4pm |
| | FREE HIV Testing : Project Help | 9am – 4pm |
| | FREE Rapid HIV Testing and STD & HEP Screening: Collier County Health Dept.- Naples | 8:30am - 4pm |
| June 29 | FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center | 8am - 4pm |
| | FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee | 1pm - 4pm |
| | FREE HIV Testing : Project Help | 9am – 4pm |
| | FREE Rapid HIV and HEP Screening: Collier County Health Dept.- Naples | 8:30am - 4pm |
| June 30 | FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center | 8am - 4pm |
| | FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee | 1pm - 4pm |
| | FREE HIV Testing : Project Help | 9am – 4pm |
| July 1 | FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center | 8am - 4pm |
| | FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee | 1pm - 4pm |
| | FREE HIV Testing : Project Help | 9am – 4pm |

Rapid HIV testing at Collier County Health Department in Naples is normally \$20. The next time we will be offering FREE Rapid HIV testing is on September 26, 27, & 28. For more information regarding these events, the HANCC meeting schedule, or HIV/AIDS in Collier County please

contact Nilda Proenza, Collier County Health Department HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Program Manager, at 239-252-2683.

National HIV Testing Day is sponsored by the following HANCC members:

Collier County Health Dept.- Naples: 3301 East Tamiami Trail, Government Center Building H;
Call 239 252 8593.

Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee: 419 1st Street, Immokalee; Call 239 252 7300.

Marion E. Fether Medical Center: 1454 Madison Ave W, Immokalee; Call 239 658 3000.

Planned Parenthood of Collier County: 1425 Creech Road, Naples; Call 239 262 8923 ext 322.

Project Help: 3123 Terrace AVE, Naples; Call 239 649 1404.

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