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National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: Get Educated! Get Tested! Get Treated! Get Involved!

Collier: AIDS is the leading cause of death for Black adults ages 25 to 44 in the United States. Nearly 60% of all US HIV/AIDS cases in adults, senior citizens, and children are among Blacks. As of December 31st, 2010, a total of 1,474 residents of Collier County have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, and 43% of these men, women, and children are Blacks. HIV/AIDS is in our neighborhoods and it affects all of us here in Collier County.

On Feb. 7, 2011, Collier County will respond to the impact of HIV and AIDS on our Black communities in observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD). NBHAAD is a nationwide mobilization effort designed to encourage Black Americans across the US to get educated, get tested, get treated, and get involved with HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate Black communities. For this reason, the Collier County Health Department and its community partners are proud to sponsor the following events celebrating National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day:

February 7

FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center
FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee
FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Project Help
8am - 4pm
1pm - 4pm
9am - 4pm

February 8

FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center
FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee
FREE Rapid HIV Testing, HEP Screening and Vaccines: Collier County Health Dept.- Naples
FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Planned Parenthood Collier County
FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Project Help
8am - 4pm
1pm - 4pm
8:30am - 4pm

10am – 1pm

9am - 4pm

February 9

FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center
FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee
FREE Rapid HIV Testing, HEP Screening and Vaccines: Collier County Health Dept.- Naples
FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Project Help
8am - 4pm
1pm - 4pm
8:30am - 4pm

9am - 4pm

February

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FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center

FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee

FREE Rapid HIV Testing, HEP Screening and Vaccines: Collier County Health Dept.- Naples

FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Project Help

8am - 4pm

1pm - 4pm

8:30am - 4pm

9am - 4pm

February 11

FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center

FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee

FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Project Help

8am - 4pm

1pm - 4pm

9am - 4pm

February 22

FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Edison State College

10am - 2pm

For more information about these events or about the content contained here, please contact Ray Cardenas, HIV/AIDS Prevention & Training Consultant, Collier County Health Department, 239-252-8352.

Sponsored by the following:

Collier County Health Dept.- Naples: 3339 E. Tamiami Trail, Suite 151; Call 239-252-8593.

Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee: 419 1st Street; 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 262-8923 ext 322.

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

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