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NEWS RELEASE

Free HIV Testing Available on June 27, National HIV Testing Day

State Health Division encourages Nevadans to participate

Carson City – Free HIV testing will be available in Carson City and Las Vegas on Thursday, June 27, National HIV Testing Day. The Nevada State Health Division urges Nevadans to “Take the Test, Take Control.” Knowing your status is important, and testing is quick and easy.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), too many people are unaware they have human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). In the United States, nearly 1.2 million people are living with HIV, and almost one in five do not know they are infected. In 2012 in Nevada, there were 344 new HIV diagnoses, and over 8,500 persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The most common ways HIV is transmitted in the United States is by having sex or sharing drug injection equipment with a person infected with HIV. This behavior increases one’s risk, and these individuals should be tested for HIV at least once a year. However, everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 should be tested at least once.

Getting tested is the first step to finding out if you have HIV. If you have HIV, medical care and taking medicines regularly helps you live a longer, healthier life and also lowers the chance of passing HIV on to others.

FREE TESTING LOCATIONS

Carson City Health and Human Services, 900 East Long Street, Carson City, will provide free testing on Thursday, June 27 during regular business hours. Their number is 775-887-2195.

Carson City Health and Human Services, in partnership with The Bridge Church, will provide free testing for the homeless community on June 25 and 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Bridge headquarters, 901 North Stewart Street, Carson City.

In Las Vegas on June 27, free testing will be available at The Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, from 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A Health Fair will take place at the same location on the same day between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Center phone number is 702-733-9800.

Southern Nevada Health District Sexual Health Clinic, 400 South Shadow Lane, Suite 106. Free testing on June 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 702-759-0702.

To learn more about HIV, visit <http://www.cdc.gov>.



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