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JULY 28, 2016 IS WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

Florida Department of Health Offers Free Screenings



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Naples, Fla.—In recognition of World Hepatitis Day, the Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) and community partners will be offering free hepatitis testing, along with STD and HIV screenings, to bring attention to the importance of early detection and treatment. World Hepatitis Day is July 28, 2016.

Every year, approximately 15,000 Americans die from liver cancer or chronic liver disease associated with viral hepatitis. Despite these statistics, viral hepatitis is not well known. In fact, as many as 75% of people with chronic viral hepatitis do not know that they are infected. Without knowing if they are infected, these individuals cannot receive lifesaving care and treatment. A specific blood test is the only way to know if you have viral hepatitis.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 3.5 to 5.3 million Americans are living with chronic viral hepatitis – hepatitis B or hepatitis C. Most individuals living with viral hepatitis do not know that they are infected, placing them at greater risk for severe, even fatal, complications such as cirrhosis, liver failure, and liver cancer.

For this reason Florida Department of Health in Collier County and Marion E. Fether Medical Center in Immokalee are proud to sponsor the following FREE events celebrating World Hepatitis Day from July 25, 2016 through July 29, 2016.

July 25	FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center- Immokalee	8am - 4pm
July 26	FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center- Immokalee	8am - 4pm
July 27	FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center- Immokalee	8am - 4pm
	FREE Rapid HIV Testing, Hepatitis & STD Screenings Florida Department of Health – Collier County (Naples & Immokalee)	8am - 4pm
July 28	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center.- Immokalee	8am - 4pm
	FREE Rapid HIV Testing, Hepatitis, & STD Screenings Florida Department of Health – Collier County (Naples & Immokalee)	8am - 4pm
July 29	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center.- Immokalee	8am - 4pm

For more information about these events, please contact:

Florida Department of Health-Collier- 3339 E. Tamiami Trail, Naples; Call 239-252-8593

Florida Department of Health-Collier - 419 1st Street, Immokalee, Call 239-252-7300

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

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