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NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

Free HIV Testing Events in Collier County



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June 27th marks the 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. HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, continues to be a major global public health issue, having claimed more than 35 million lives so far.

An estimated 40,000 Americans each year are newly infected with HIV. New CDC data indicates that there are over 1.2 million Americans living with HIV. Routine HIV testing is now recommended for all people ages 15-65, yet 13% of those infected with HIV don't know it, and many people with HIV are still diagnosed late in their illness.

In Collier County alone, we have over 1,700 reported cases of HIV/AIDS; our number of new cases for the past 5 years has been an average of 50 a year. Whether we realize it or not, HIV/AIDS is in our neighborhoods, and it affects all of us here in Collier County.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
June 18	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8 to 4
June 19	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center FREE Rapid HIV Testing, Hepatitis, & STD Screenings FDOH –Collier- Immokalee	8 to 4 8 to 3:30
June 20	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center FREE Rapid HIV Testing, Hepatitis, & STD Screenings FDOH – Collier- Naples & FDOH –Collier- Immokalee FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Planned Parenthood of SWF	8 to 4 8 to 4 * 8 to 3:30** 10 to 4
June 21	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center FREE Rapid HIV Testing, Hepatitis & STD Screenings FDOH – Collier -Naples FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Planned Parenthood of SWF	8 to 4 8 to 4 10 to 4
June 22	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8 to 4

For more information about these events, please contact:

*DOH-Collier Naples: 3339 East Tamiami Trail, Building H, Naples; Call (239) 252-8593

**DOH-Collier Immokalee: 419 North First Street, Immokalee; Call (239) 252-7300

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

Planned Parenthood of Southwest FL: 1425 Creech RD, Naples; Call (239)262-0301

PrEP will be made available through CHD Sexually Transmitted Disease and Family Planning Clinics and patients can be provided with up to a 90-day supply of medications. Some CHDs may offer PrEP through a specialty clinic. Find a PrEP provider near you with the department's [PrEP Providers List](#).

You can locate HIV counseling, testing and referral sites by visiting www.KnowYourHIVStatus.com or texting 'FLHIV' to 898211.

For more information, call the Florida HIV/AIDS Hotline at 1-800-FLA-AIDS or 1-800-352-2437; En Español, 1-800-545-SIDA; In Creole, 1-800-AIDS-101. To chat with a live counselor at the Florida HIV/AIDS Hotline, visit www.211bigbend.org/flhivaidshotline.

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