

February 5, 2019

NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

I Am My Brother's and Sister's Keeper



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Naples, Fla. — February 7th is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD). This day is observed each year to increase education, testing, community involvement, and treatment among black communities. The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) is responding to the impact of HIV in our Black community by offering free, rapid HIV testing events in February with same day results. DOH-Collier encourages everyone to get tested at least once a year for HIV.

Blacks/African Americans continue to have the highest number of HIV infections compared to other races and ethnicities. In Florida during 2016, African Americans accounted for 42% of new HIV diagnoses while only representing about 15% of the population. In Collier County, over 35% of men, women, and children who have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS are Black.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 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 more information about NBHAAD visit <https://nationalblackaidsday.org/>.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
February 11	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8am – 4pm
February 12	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center FREE Rapid HIV Testing, Hepatitis, & STD Screenings DOH-Collier: Immokalee	8am – 4pm 8am – 3:30pm
February 13	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center FREE Rapid HIV Testing, Hepatitis, & STD Screenings DOH-Collier: Naples and Immokalee Rapid HIV Testing - Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, Inc.	8am – 4pm 8am – 3:30pm 10am – 4pm
February 14	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8am – 4pm

	FREE Rapid HIV Testing, Hepatitis & STD Screenings DOH-Collier: Naples only	8am – 3:30pm
	Rapid HIV Testing - Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, Inc.	10am – 4pm
February 15	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8am – 4pm

For more information about these events, please contact:

DOH-Collier Naples: 3339 East Tamiami Trail, Building H; 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 and Central Florida, Inc.: 1425 Creech Rd., Naples; Call 239-262-0301

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