

Mission:  
To protect, promote & improve the health  
of all people in Florida through integrated  
state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

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**MAY 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**NATIONAL HEPATITIS TESTING DAY: “KNOW MORE HEPATITIS”**  
**Did You Know...?**



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.

- 3.5–5.3 million Americans are living with chronic (lifelong) viral hepatitis—hepatitis B or hepatitis C. Most of them do not know that they are infected, placing them at greater risk for severe, even fatal, complications from the disease and increasing the likelihood that they will spread the virus to others.
- A specific blood test is the only way to know if you have viral hepatitis.
- Hepatitis B and C viruses can cause chronic hepatitis, leading to cirrhosis, liver failure, and liver cancer.
- Anyone can get hepatitis B or C, but some populations are disproportionately burdened with these infections, including African Americans; Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; past and current injection drug users; persons born from 1945 to 1965; and men who have sex with men.

May 11	FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center- Immokalee	8am - 4pm
May 12	FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center- Immokalee	8am - 4pm
May 13	FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center- Immokalee	8am - 4pm
	FREE Rapid HIV Testing & HEPATITIS, STD Screenings, FDOH-Collier- Naples	8am - 4pm
	FREE Rapid HIV Testing & HEPATITIS, STD Screenings, FDOH-Collier- Immokalee	8am -4pm
May 14	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center.- Immokalee	8am - 4pm
	FREE Rapid HIV Testing & HEPATITIS, STD Screenings, FDOH-Collier- Naples	8am -4pm
	FREE Rapid HIV Testing & HEPATITIS, STD Screenings, FDOH-Collier- Immokalee	8am -4pm
May 15	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center.- Immokalee	8am - 4pm

For more information about these events, please call Florida Department of Health - Collier County  
239-252-8593 in Naples, 3339 East Tamiami Trail, Government Ctr., Bldg. H Suite 151  
or 239-252-7300 in Immokalee, 419 North 1<sup>st</sup> St, Immokalee  
For: Marion E. Fether Medical Center: Call 239 658 3000 at 1454 Madison Ave W, Immokalee