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WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

Everyone has a reason to get an HIV test. More than one million people in the U.S. are living with HIV, but as many as one in four do not know that they have it.

Tomorrow and throughout the weekend, the Westchester County Health Department, in conjunction with the members of Project W.A.V.E., a coalition of partner organizations that includes health departments, HIV and AIDS service providers and media outlets, will encourage more people to get tested at events throughout Westchester County. The free testing is in support of the National Association of People with AIDS 14th Annual National HIV Testing Day on Friday.

Friday, June 27:

- Children's Village, the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center and Planned Parenthood will offer free HIV tests from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pathmark on Third Avenue at Third Street.
- AIDS Related Community Services will provide free tests at Mosaic, 137 South Fourth Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Mount Vernon Hospital will offer free tests at Cimmeron Café, 156 South Fourth Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- New York State Department of Health will offer free tests at the MLK Center, 95 Lincoln Ave., New Rochelle, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MORE

Saturday, June 28:

- Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center will offer free tests at Memorial Field located on the corners of Garden Avenue & East Sandford Boulevard in Mount Vernon from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 29:

- New York State Department of Health, Children's Village, Ossining Open Door and the Westchester County Medical Center will all offer free tests at African American Heritage Day at the Kensico Dam in Valhalla, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“The earlier a person learns that he or she is infected with HIV, the sooner he or she can begin life-extending medical care, treatment and support that can lead to a better quality of life,” said Dr. Joshua Lipsman, the Westchester County Health Commissioner.

For more information on National HIV Testing Day, or to find a testing site near your home, call the Westchester County Department of Health at 914-813-5256 or 914-995-9595 or visit

www.westchestergov.com/health.