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## No-cost rapid HIV tests offered June 30

National HIV Testing Day

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**Daytona Beach, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) in Volusia County will participate in National HIV Testing Day Thursday, June 30. No-cost, rapid HIV and hepatitis C tests will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at DOH-Volusia's Daytona Beach location, 1845 Holsonback Drive.

"Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity to confirm their HIV status," said DOH-Volusia Administrator Patricia Boswell. "When a person knows their status, they can protect themselves and their partners."

Rapid HIV and hepatitis C testing only requires a finger stick to collect a small drop of blood and produces results within 20 minutes. If test results indicate a blood draw is needed to confirm the rapid results, it also can be done at no-cost onsite, Boswell added.

Clients may remain anonymous during testing.

The Department also offers educational information on HIV and hepatitis C transmission and protection. Clients with positive results may receive counseling from the department. HIV treatment also is available through the Ryan White Program for clients who qualify.

Appointments are not necessary. For more information, please call 386-274-0662.

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