

News Release

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National HIV Testing Day

(June 27, 2002) – The Clark County Health District will be offering free, oral HIV testing today for National HIV Testing Day at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 625 Shadow Lane and the UMC Quick Care at 1760 Wheeler Peak. The campaign is an effort to educate the public about HIV testing, counseling and treatment.

The oral HIV test detects the presence of HIV antibodies in the tissue fluid of the gums and cheeks. The test is 99 percent accurate and takes 7-10 days for results.

“Many people are reluctant to be tested for HIV,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer for the Clark County Health District.

“This is a day to raise awareness and to stress to the public that the only way to know your status is through testing and even if you are not showing symptoms it is possible to transmit the disease to others.”

Anyone can become infected with HIV through means such as unsafe sex and the sharing of needles. The Health District Office of AIDS offers educational material and counseling in order to help people make knowledgeable lifestyle choices.

Currently, there are 2574 people living with HIV in Clark County and 3766 have been diagnosed with AIDS.

“Our goal today, for National HIV Testing Day, is to keep people aware and testing for HIV and to keep people living with HIV/AIDS healthy.”

For more information contact the Office of AIDS at 942-9278.

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**Clark County Health District
National HIV Testing Day Sites
June 27, 2002**

Ravenholt Public Health Center
625 Shadow Lane, Annex A
8 a.m. until 7 p.m.
702-942-9318
(Oral testing available)

East Las Vegas Public Health Center
560 N. Nellis Boulevard, E-12
702-437-4643 (call for hours)

Henderson Public Health Center
129 W. Lake Mead Drive, Suite 10
702-564-4643 (call for hours)

North Las Vegas Public Health Center
1820 E. Lake Mead Boulevard
702-642-3525 (call for hours)

UMC Quick Care (Enterprise location)
1760 Wheeler Peak
2 p.m. until 8 p.m.
702-383-2565
(Oral testing available)

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