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## THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BROWARD COUNTY OBSERVES NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY 2021



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**Fort Lauderdale, Fla** – National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) is observed each year on June 27 to encourage people to be aware of their HIV status so that they can take control of their health. This year’s NHTD theme, “**My Test, My Way,**” highlights that there are many options available when it comes to HIV testing. The Florida Department of Health joins community partners around the state to help provide all Floridians access to the right tools for learning their HIV status and staying healthy.

In 2019, 4,584 people were diagnosed with HIV in Florida. At the end of that year, 116,689 Floridians were confirmed to be living with HIV. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that an additional 18,200 Floridians were living with HIV but unaware of it.

Everyone ages 13–64 should get tested at least once, and some people should get tested more often. Knowing your HIV status is only the beginning. What you do to stay healthy after that largely depends on your results. Earlier diagnosis of HIV leads to more successful treatment, so getting tested and learning your HIV status is crucial to your health.

If you missed an opportunity to get tested for HIV during the COVID-19 pandemic, NHTD offers a good reminder to get caught up. HIV shares many symptoms with other viral infections, like COVID-19, so if you have felt ill at any point during the last year, it is important to talk to your health care provider.

Knowing your status is the first step toward effective HIV prevention. People living with HIV who take antiretroviral medication as prescribed and achieve and maintain an undetectable viral load cannot transmit HIV to their sexual partners. People without HIV should talk to a health care provider to determine appropriate prevention strategies, which might include taking PrEP, using condoms and/or getting retested regularly.

### **Observe NHTD with us!**

The Florida Department of Health in Broward County will be hosting the following events in collaboration with community partners:

**Date: June 25, 2021**

**Event Activities:** “Free Health Check” event in commemoration of NHTD. Get tested for HIV. Free giveaways provided. This event is hosted in collaboration with the following community partners: High Impacto, Inc., Broward Family Dental, Black Treatment Advocates Network of Broward County and The Florida Department of Health in Broward County.

**Address:** 6260 W. Oakland Park, Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and for more information call: 954-519-5121.

**Date:** June 26, 2021

**Event Activities:** The Broward County section of National Council of Negro Women presents “Health is Wealth Fair 2021”. This virtual event includes the following guest speakers: Ms. Cramita Goss (HIV education), Dr. Christopher Maylor (chiropractic wellness), Ashley Carter (culture focused nutrition) and Dr. Patricia Judin (gynecological health).

**Address:** via Zoom, Meeting ID: 913 8349 6439 ; PW: healthfair

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Date:** June 26, 2021

**Event Activities:** “Feast Rising in the Park” event in honor of NHTD, the criminal justice committee invites you to share stories, gain knowledge on community issues, and enjoy food and music! This event is in collaboration with the following community partners: Florida Rising, Broward County Library, Florida Department of Health in Broward County, Broward Health and Black Treatment Advocates Network of Broward County. **Register at:** [bit.ly/feastinpark626](https://bit.ly/feastinpark626)

**Address:** 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Protect yourself. Get tested. Know your status. Learn what’s next.**

We have the power to both prevent and treat HIV. For more information, call 954-847-8132 or 1-800-FLA-AIDS or visit [GetPrEPBroward.com](https://www.getprEPBroward.com) or [KnowYourHIVStatus.com](https://www.knowyourhivstatus.com).

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