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DCHHS Offers Free HIV/STD Testing on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

DALLAS (February 6, 2019) – In recognition of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) will offer free and confidential HIV/STD testing to Dallas County residents. This year's NBHAAD theme, "Together for Love: Stop HIV Stigma". It raises awareness that we all have a role to play in stopping HIV stigma.

DCHHS invites residents to participate in this year's event Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following location:

Paul Quinn College
3837 Simpson Stuart Rd.
Dallas, TX 75241

Additionally, DCHHS will offer free testing for chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis. Free flu shots will be available from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 1 in 2 people with HIV have had the virus at least 3 years before diagnosis and about 40% of new HIV infections come from people who don't know they have HIV.

"Let's empower our community to seek HIV testing, prevention, and treatment options", said Interim Director Ganesh Shivaramaiyer. "Let's stop HIV stigma, together."

DCHHS health officials are urging Dallas County residents to take advantage of this free opportunity to get tested. Free and confidential testing will also be offered at DCHHS building located at 2377 N. Stemmons Fwy, #100, Dallas, TX 75207 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", said Dr. Modesta Onyia DNP, Nursing/Clinical Supervisor STD Clinic. "Prevent HIV by using condoms every time you have sex, getting tested, reduce the number of sex partners and know your status."

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