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Frederick County Health Department and Walgreens Team Up on National HIV Testing Day

FREDERICK, MD -- The Frederick County Health Department is teaming up with Walgreens on June 27th to provide free and confidential HIV screenings. The screenings will take place at the Walgreens located at 1595 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702. This testing event from 10AM to 7PM is part of National HIV Testing Awareness Day. The testing process is simple, only requiring a few minutes and a small drop of blood. Results are available immediately and are completely confidential.

More than 32,000 people in Maryland aged 13 years and older are living with HIV. While over 90% of people living with HIV in Maryland have been diagnosed, thousands remain undiagnosed and are unaware of their status. Nearly 40% of new HIV infections are transmitted by people who do not know they have the virus. For people with undiagnosed HIV, testing is the first step in maintaining a healthy life and preventing HIV transmission.

HIV testing decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic, and now is the time to get tested. With routine testing, early detection, and access to medication, a newly diagnosed person can reach an undetectable viral load in as little as 6 months and live a long, healthy life.

Walk-in HIV screening services are also offered at the Frederick County Health Department on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9AM-3PM. Appointments are available on additional days and times. For questions or appointments, call 301-600-1733 or visit the website at Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HIV.

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