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## FREE SEXUAL HEALTH SCREENINGS ON NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY, MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – On Monday, June 27, 2022, in observance of National HIV Testing Day, Shelby County Health Department will offer free HIV screenings and free screenings for sexually transmitted infections from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- Sexual Health Clinic, 814 Jefferson Avenue
- Cawthon Clinic, 1000 Haynes Street

No appointment is needed. Tests will be provided on a first come, first served walk-in basis at both locations.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends HIV screenings at least annually for people at risk for HIV infection. Regular testing is recommended because research indicates up to one of every 7 HIV-positive persons do not know they have the virus that causes AIDS. Testing is necessary self-care that allows HIV-positive persons to get the treatment they need to live longer and healthier lives and protect their partners. In fact, testing is the key to ending the HIV epidemic in Shelby County.

HIV testing is always free and available without an appointment at the Shelby County Health Department's Sexual Health Clinic at 814 Jefferson Avenue. The Sexual Health Clinic also provides affordable and confidential testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections by appointment. To make an appointment, call the Sexual Health Clinic's appointment line: 901-222-9385, open Monday – Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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