

# National HIV Testing Day Promotes Citywide Collaboration to Increase HIV Testing in Tucson



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Tucson, AZ – “Take the Test. Take Control.” is the theme of National HIV Testing Day on June 27, 2013. Although progress has been made in the fight against HIV/AIDS, the epidemic continues to wreak havoc in the United States and abroad. According to the Center for Disease Control, too many people don't know they have HIV. In the United States, nearly 1.2 million people are living with HIV, and almost one in five don't know they are infected.

CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care. An HIV test is recommended once a year for people at increased risk—such as gay and bisexual men, injection drug users, or people with multiple sex partners. Sexually active gay and bisexual men may benefit from more frequent testing (e.g., every 3 to 6 months). CDC also recommends that pregnant women get tested early in their pregnancy so they can take steps to prevent passing HIV to their babies.

On Thursday, June 27, free confidential HIV testing will be available at various locations throughout Tucson. From 8:00am – 8:00pm, members of the community are invited to participate in the national "Take the Test. Take Control" campaign. Testing locations include:

## **COPE Community Services, Inc.**

101 S. Stone Ave.  
520-798-1772  
8:00am – 8:00pm

## **Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation**

375 S. Euclid Ave.  
520-628-7223  
8:00am – 8:00pm

## **National Community Health Partners**

3365 N. Campbell Ave., Suite 141  
520-795-9756  
5:00pm – 7:00pm

## **Tucson Indian Center - by appointment**

97 E. Congress, Suite 101  
520-884-7131  
10:00am – 2:00pm

## **Pima County Health Department**

Theresa Lee Clinic  
332 S. Freeway  
520-791-7676  
8:00am – 5:00pm

## **Wingspan, EON Youth Lounge - by appointment**

Youth ages 13-23  
430 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
520-624-1779  
3:00pm – 8:00pm

This year marks the 19<sup>th</sup> National HIV Testing Day, which is organized every year by the National Association of People with AIDS with support from CDC and AIDS.gov.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (520) 628-7223**