

2024 NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY ACTIVATION



Talking Points

FREE HIV, Syphilis & Hep C Testing at Participating Walgreens on June 27th - National HIV Testing Day

- Walgreens and [Greater Than HIV](#), a public information initiative of [KFF](#), are teaming with more than 360 health departments and community organizations to bring FREE rapid HIV testing to more than 530 stores as part of the largest National HIV Testing Day event in the nation on June 27th.
- In addition to offering HIV testing at a record number of store locations, FREE rapid syphilis and/or hepatitis C testing will be provided in select locations this year as part of a scale-up of the program in response to the rising rates of those sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
- Visit greaterthan.org/walgreens for a list of participating Walgreens stores in more than 330 cities, and the hours FREE testing will be offered at on Thursday, June 27th. No appointment needed.

The Need

- 1.2 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV and about 13% don't know it.¹
- **STDs are very common.** One in five people in the U.S. have an STD.²
- **HIV and STDs often show no symptoms.** The only way to know if you have HIV or another STD is to get tested.
- **All STDs are treatable (including HIV), and many are curable.**

Testing is Quick & Easy

- A rapid HIV or STD test only takes a light stick of the finger or quick oral swab.
- Counselors provide fast test results. They can answer questions about HIV and STD prevention and treatment, including providing referrals for PrEP and linkages to care.

About the Partnership

- Since 2011, KFF's [Greater Than HIV and Walgreens National HIV Community Partnership](#) has provided more than 80,000 free HIV tests through the in-store NHTD program, including over 15,000 self-tests distributed during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This year marks the highest level of participation – both in terms of testing partners and stores – in the program's history.
- Rapid HIV, hepatitis C and syphilis tests are donated by Abbott Laboratories, bioLytical Laboratories, Chembio Diagnostics, Diagnostics Direct and OraSure Technologies.
- For more about the partnership, including a list of participating Walgreens locations and supporting partners for this year's National HIV Testing Day, visit greaterthan.org/walgreens.

¹ CDC. Fast Facts: HIV in the US by Age. <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/data-research/facts-stats/age.html>. April 2024.

² CDC. Sexually Transmitted Infections Prevalence, Incidence, and Cost Estimates in the United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/sti/php/communication-resources/prevalence-incidence-and-cost-estimates.html>. April 2024.