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Craven County Health Department Teams Up with KFF's Greater Than HIV and Walgreens to Bring FREE HIV Testing on National HIV Testing Day June 27

NEW BERN, N.C. – The Craven County Health Department will provide free HIV testing at Walgreens located at 2001 Neuse Boulevard in New Bern on June 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in connection with KFF's Greater Than HIV National HIV Testing Day (NHTD). KFF's Greater Than HIV NHTD, is a leading national public information campaign held each June 27 where KFF, and Walgreens bring health departments and community organizations into Walgreens stores to offer free HIV testing and information.

Counselors from the Craven County Health Department will provide HIV testing and answer questions about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. Counselors will also provide the latest information on prevention and treatment options, including referrals for PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), FDA-approved medications that are highly effective in preventing HIV.

The CDC recommends getting tested for HIV as part of routine healthcare, yet many people are not getting tested as often as advised. One in seven people living with HIV in the U.S. are unaware of their status. The only way to know is to get tested. Advances in prevention and treatment are bringing us closer to ending HIV. There are more options than ever to stay healthy and prevent transmission regardless of your HIV status. It begins with a test!

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.

For more information about this event or HIV Prevention, contact Krystal Hargett, Public Health Education Specialist at khargett@cravencountync.gov or (252) 636-4920 ext.2202.

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