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'Take the Test, Take Control'
June 27th is National HIV Testing Day

(Santa Ana) – On June 27th thousands of Americans will take control of their health and get tested for HIV. National HIV Testing Day promotes testing and early diagnosis of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. HIV testing is a routine part of general healthcare and is a critical step in reducing HIV infections. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that HIV testing be offered to all individuals aged 13 to 64 as part of routine medical screening. In addition to HIV testing through healthcare providers, free and low-cost HIV testing is available year-round throughout Orange County.

In Orange County, over 300 people are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS each year. Based upon the CDC estimates, about one-fifth of the people living with HIV in the United States don't know they are infected. In Orange County, this means there may be 1,800 people that have HIV but are not aware of it.

Knowing their HIV status enables people to protect their own health as well as prevent the spread of the disease. In Orange County, the following agencies offer confidential and anonymous free or low-cost testing:

- **Orange County Health Care Agency:** 17th Street Clinic, (714) 834-8787: walk-ins only - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **The Center Orange County:** (714) 953-5428 x208: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 1p.m.to 6 p.m. by appointment only; Walk-ins available - Wednesday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **AIDS Services Foundation:** (949) 809-8775: walk-ins only - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Laguna Beach Community Clinic:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., (949) 494-0761 (there is a charge for services; call for details).

For more testing sites and information call the AIDS Hotline at (800) 367-2437 or go online: www.AIDShotline.org. For information on the HIV Prevention Planning Committee or HIV services in Orange County, contact the Health Care Agency at (714) 834-8711, or visit www.ochealthinfo.com.

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