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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY OFFERS FREE HIV TESTING
Monthly After-Hours Clinic This Thursday, February 2, 2023

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Pensacola, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) offers free HIV rapid testing at the After-Hours Clinic, held on the first Thursday of each month. The next After-Hours Clinic is this Thursday, February 2, 2023, at FDOH-Escambia's Fairfield location. Open to the public, no appointment needed. Details are listed below:

> **What**: Free HIV Rapid Testing After-Hours Clinic
> **Who**: Open to the public, no appointment needed
> **When**: Thursday, February 2, 2023, between 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.*
> **Where**: FDOH-Escambia, 1295 W Fairfield Dr, Pensacola, FL
> **How**: The rapid HIV test gives highly accurate results in as little as 15 minutes. All testing is confidential and conducted in a private clinic setting.

> **Free take home OraQuick HIV test kits will be available at this event.**

*Free HIV rapid testing is also available Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at FDOH-Escambia, 1295 W Fairfield Dr, Pensacola, FL.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 **get tested for HIV** at least once as part of their routine health care. People at higher risk should get tested more often.

People who get tested and learn they do not have HIV can make decisions about sex, drug use, and health care that can **protect them from HIV**. For people at risk for HIV, taking HIV medicine called **pre-exposure prophylaxis** (PrEP) is highly effective for preventing HIV. Staff will be available to discuss PrEP for the prevention of HIV infection.

For more information about HIV/AIDS resources, contact David Chmiel, HIV/AIDS Program PrEP Navigator at 850-595-6345 or visit **EscambiaHealth.com**.

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