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FREE HEPATITIS Screening & Testing at Bartow Courthouse -In Observance of World Hepatitis Day-

What: In observance of World Hepatitis Day, the Polk County Health Department will be offering **FREE SCREENING, TESTING, and VACCINATIONS** for **Hepatitis**. Testing for Syphilis and HIV will also be provided along with prevention education.

When: Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Where: Bartow Courthouse
255 N Broadway Ave
Bartow, FL 33830

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

The World Hepatitis Alliance named "This is hepatitis ..." as this year's awareness campaign slogan.

- Worldwide one in 12 people has chronic Hepatitis B or chronic Hepatitis C
- In 2009, Florida had 26,767 reported cases of Hepatitis.
- In Polk County, 736 new cases were reported in 2009.

The following persons are at increased risk and should get tested:

- household and sex contacts of Hepatitis B virus (HBV) positive persons
- heterosexual person with multiple sex partners (more than 1 in the last 6 months)
- men who have sex with men
- persons who have ever used street drugs (past or present)
- persons who have sex for money (special favors or gifts) or pay for sex
- persons who have received a blood transfusion or organ transplant prior to 1992
- persons undergoing drug rehabilitation treatment at substance abuse treatment facilities
- persons who were born to Hepatitis C virus (HCV) positive mother
- persons who have been told they have elevated liver enzymes
- persons who have clotting-factor disorders
- persons with chronic liver disease
- hemodialysis patients

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Get tested - Know your status - Get vaccinated.

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