National HIV Testing Day 2019

What's your preferred way to get tested? Share it June 27 on social media with #DoingItMyWay.

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Thursday, June 27, marks National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) 2019. This year's theme, "Doing It My Way," is the same as last year's and highlights the many ways people can make HIV testing a part of their lives.

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#CountdownToHIVTestingDay | Why do you get tested? Use the hashtag #doingitmyway to share what motivates you to get tested. #HIVTestingDay

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the theme also plays into the CDC's larger #DoingItMyWay campaign. As that campaign notes, with so many ways to get tested

for HIV—at home, at the doctor's office, with a friend—finding the one that's right for you should be easy.

The campaign encourages people to share their preferred testing methods on social media using the hashtags DoingItMyWay, #HIVTestingDay #NHTD and, in Spanish, #HaciéndoloAMiManera #DíaNacionalDeLaPruebaDelVIH. (Sample posts from Instgram appear throughout this article.)

The CDC site also includes sharable graphics and sample texts.

You can locate testing events on the CDC's NHTD site here.



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#ActAgainstAIDS #DoingitMyway #NHTD #NHTW To find a testing location near you, visit

www.testingweek.org

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About 1.1 million people are living with HIV in the United States, according to the CDC, and one in seven don't know their status. It's important to know whether you have HIV, not only for your own sake—because lifesaving meds can help you enjoy a healthy and productive life—but also because people with HIV who take meds and maintain an undetectable viral load cannot transmit the virus to others sexually.

Walgreens offers free HIV testing and info on Thursday, June 27, 2019.Business Wire/Walgreens

In related news, Walgreens is partnering with Greater Than AIDS and local health and HIV organizations across the country to offer free HIV testing on June 27. They'll also provide information on Truvada as PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), the daily pill to prevent HIV. For more, read "Free HIV Tests at Walgreens in Over 260 Cities! Here's How to Find One Near You."

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National HIV Testing Day is Thursday, June 27th! Join @thecutlife as they partner with the CDC’s Let’s Stop HIV Together campaign to spread awareness on the importance of getting tested. Join celebrity hairstylist @derekjhair + @tahirajoy of @thecutlife for a day of FREE & confidential HIV Testing, giveaways & more @j.spotstudio from Noon-4PM. To find a testing location near you visit: www.cdc.gov/actagainstaids or click the link in @actagainstaids bio! ❤Tag a friend + spread the word. _ #doingitmyway #thecutlife #hivawareness #gettested #healthiswealth #atlevents #hivtesting #hivtestingday #bodylove #beoriginal #besafe

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