

God's People Are Tested



Myth: Getting tested for HIV is pointless.

Reality: Knowing if you are HIV-positive will allow you to seek early treatment that can help you stay healthy longer and enable you not to pass on the virus to someone else. Regardless of your HIV status, you can learn how to prevent future infection from HIV or other STDs through counseling offered at many HIV testing centers.



Myth: When you're on HIV therapy you can't transmit the virus to anyone else.

Reality: Antiretroviral drugs lessen the likelihood of passing the virus to others. Therapy can make the virus undetectable in the blood, but HIV is still present in the body and transmission to others may not be entirely preventable by just being on antiretroviral drugs.

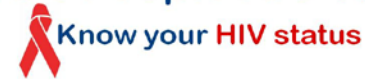
Myth: I would know if I-or a loved one-had HIV.

Reality: A person with HIV may not show any symptoms for up to 10 years. Since HIV affects each person differently, many people with HIV can look and feel healthy for years. The only sure way to know is to get tested.

Myth: HIV or AIDS can be cured.

Reality: To date, there is no cure for HIV or AIDS and there are no vaccines to prevent HIV infection.

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EVENTS HAPPENING SUNDAY JUNE 27, 2010:

1) HIV testing (mouth swab) is available for anyone:

Testing Locations are:

- 12 PM-3 PM: Christ Lutheran Church, 5101 16th St NW
- 1 PM-3 PM: St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church, 1525 Newton Street, NW

Testing services provided by AIDS Healthcare Foundation/Blair Underwood HCC, Unity Health Care and the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

2) A youth-oriented discussion/ engagement project on stigma and HIV.

This program will last approximately one hour, and will be run by representatives from Metro TeenAIDS and Lutheran Social Services. Parents and Youth Leaders are welcome.

WHERE: Christ Lutheran Church, 5101 16th St NW, from 12:15-1:15 PM

DC Churches working together to eliminate stigma around HIV/AIDS:

First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, DC

First Trinity Lutheran Church

Sixth Presbyterian Church

Augustana Lutheran Church

Zion Baptist Church

Nineteenth Street Baptist Church

Foundry United Methodist Church

St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church

Church of the Saviour, Festival Center

Luther Place Memorial Church

National City Christian Church

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran Church

St. Luke Baptist Church

Christ Lutheran Church



*Be a beacon of light to others.
Your example can make a difference.*
Get tested for HIV.