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Nashville CARES Announces Drive-thru HIV/HEP-C Testing
this Friday, September 11th, 2020

Nashville, Tenn. – Nashville CARES is thrilled to announce we will be offering free drive-thru HIV and Hepatitis C testing this Friday, September 11th, 2020 at our 633 Thompson Lane location in Nashville.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has proven to be a very challenging and unprecedented time for everyone and has shifted how many community services are being provided,” says Rachel Smith, Nashville CARES Early Intervention Services Coordinator. “We at Nashville CARES have remained committed to doing everything we can to continue to meet the needs of the community in a safe way.”

Nashville CARES services during the pandemic have included sending at-home HIV testing kits to anyone who has requested one (includes virtual consultation and assistance), weekly food pickup and deliveries, virtual educational groups and tele-health counseling appointments.

Drive-thru testing will take place on 9/11/2020 from 7:00am – 5:00pm.

- Everyone who participates will receive an HIV and Hepatitis C test.
- All services are free of charge.
- All testing and results are confidential following HIPAA guidelines.
- We will be performing rapid HIV tests and everyone will be given their HIV test results before they leave.
- Hepatitis C tests take a little more time to process but everyone will be notified by phone of their Hepatitis C test result by end of day on 9/11/2020.
- Staff will take all recommended safety precautions surrounding COVID-19 including the wearing of masks, face shields and social distancing. COVID screening questions and temperatures will be taken of all participants.

We are excited to be able to provide this service for the Nashville community and encourage everyone who is in need to come see us to get their regular HIV and Hepatitis C test this Friday, September 11th.

About Nashville CARES:

Nashville CARES is Tennessee’s largest HIV/AIDS service organization.

Our Mission: Nashville CARES mission is to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Middle Tennessee. We work to achieve this through education, advocacy and support for those at risk for or living with HIV.

Our **vision** is a community where HIV infections are rare, and when they do occur, everyone with HIV/AIDS has access to the care, treatment and support to achieve optimal health and self-sufficiency without stigma or discrimination.

Last year Nashville CARES served more than 50,000 Middle Tennesseans infected and affected by HIV/AIDS including: HIV prevention education to more than 29,000 youth and adults, more than 10,000 FREE confidential HIV tests, and essential support services to 3,400 men, women and children living with the disease. To learn more, visit us at NashvilleCARES.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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