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HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PARTNERS WITH LOCAL PHARMACIES TO BEGIN FREE HEPATITIS ASSESSMENTS ON NATIONAL HEPATITIS TESTING DAY ON MAY 19, 2015



HONOLULU – Hawaii has the highest rate of liver cancer in U.S., and the majority of liver cancer cases in Hawaii are caused by viral hepatitis. An estimated 63,000 persons in Hawaii are currently living with either chronic hepatitis B or C.

Hepatitis B and C impact many ethnicities and ages in Hawaii, especially Asians, Pacific Islanders, and baby boomers (born 1945-1965). Unfortunately, many are unaware of their infection and do not get screened until they develop liver disease or liver cancer.

The good news: viral hepatitis can be prevented, and those with the disease can be treated. More good news: local pharmacies are joining the effort to conduct free assessments and to help people at risk get referred for screening.

National Hepatitis Testing Day

The Hawaii Department of Health in partnership with local pharmacies is drawing attention to this health issue and the importance of screenings for early detection starting on National Hepatitis Testing Day on May 19, 2015.

“Most people with hepatitis B or C don’t know that they have it,” stated Thaddeus Pham, the DOH Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator. “If undetected, hepatitis B and C can lead to liver disease, liver cancer, or even death. With hepatitis B and C screening covered by most insurance and more effective hepatitis treatments available, people have better options to take care of themselves before they become ill. They just have to get screened first.”

Partnering with Local Pharmacies

The Hawaii Department of Health is partnering with local pharmacies—including Pharmicare Hawaii, Walgreens, and 5 Minute Pharmacy— and encourages Hawaii residents to learn their risks for viral hepatitis and to request screenings from their healthcare providers.

A pharmacist will offer a simple hepatitis assessment to anyone at these participating pharmacies. These pharmacies will not offer actual tests; however, if someone is deemed at risk, they will receive a referral letter with billing codes to take to their healthcare providers. People may also go directly to their healthcare provider to request the test.

“We’re partnering with local pharmacies because we recognize the increasing role of pharmacists in our daily healthcare,” Pham said. “As patients, many of us often go to our local pharmacy or drug store more often than we go to our doctor. It is important to use every opportunity to increase awareness and screening for our ohana.”

Early Detection is Critical

“By identifying and treating these diseases early, we hope this improves patient and community health outcomes, especially since most persons at risk hepatitis B C are not regularly screened,” Pham said.

“If your loved ones might be at risk, they can now speak with a participating pharmacist to discuss appropriate testing options. We also encourage medical providers to reach out to the Hawaii Department of Health to learn more about testing recommendations. Providing these simple tests now can mean that they can have their patients avoid liver disease or even liver cancer later,” she said.

For list of participating pharmacies, see attached flyer or go to www.hepfreehawaii.org.



TAKE A STAND FIND OUT YOUR HEPATITIS RISK

Did you know?

Hawaii is the state with the highest rate of liver cancer in the U.S.!
The leading causes of liver cancer in Hawaii are hepatitis B and C.



For more local info and resources, go to
www.hepfreehawaii.org, or follow
@hepfreehawaii on Facebook, Twitter, and
Instagram!

Ask Yourself...

Where were
you born?

Those born in Asia
or the Pacific are
at risk for hep B.

When were
you born?

Those born from
1945-1965 are at
risk for hep C.

If you are at risk,
ask your
pharmacist for a
**Test Referral
Form**

WHERE DO I GO?
See list of participating
pharmacies on the back.

Or, go to
hepfreehawaii.org to
download referral forms.

Ask your doctor to get
tested, if you are at risk!

Free Hepatitis Assessments - Pharmacies in Hawai'i

O'AHU-Honolulu

Walgreens - Hawaii Kai
7192 Kalaniana'ole Hwy
Suite C-119A
Honolulu, HI 96825
(808) 395-9023
7:00 am-10:00 pm M-F
7:00 am-9:00 pm Sat/Sun

Walgreens - Market City
2919 Kapiolani Boulevard
Honolulu, HI 96826
(808) 664-3532
7:00 am-10:00 pm M-F
9:00 am-6:00 pm Sat/Sun

Pharmacare - Kapi'olani
1319 Punahou Street, Tower
Suite 100
Honolulu, HI 96826
(808) 840-5670
8:30 am-5:00 pm M-F
8:30 am-2:00 pm Sat

Walgreens - Kapiolani
1488 Kapiolani Boulevard
Honolulu, HI 96814
(808) 949-8500
7:00 am-10:00 pm M-F
8:00 am-7:00 pm Sat/Sun

Pharmacare - Straub
888 S. King Street, Rotunda
Suite 100
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 840-5640
8:00 am-5:00 pm M-F
8:00 am-2:30 pm Sat

Walgreens - Beretania
1121 S Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96814
(808) 593-0403
Open 24 hours

Walgreens - Downtown
116 South Hotel Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 664-1913
6:00 am-8:00 pm M-S
8:00 am-5:00 pm Sun

Walgreens - Nuuanu
1613 Nuuanu Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 536-5370
7:00 am-10:00 pm Daily

O'AHU-Honolulu

Pharmacare - Liliha
2228 Liliha St., Suite 100
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 840-5620
8:30 am-5:00 pm M-F
8:30 am-12:30 pm Sat

Walgreens - Liliha
1520 Liliha Street, Suite 201
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 533-6990
8:00 am-5:00 pm M, T, Th, F
8:00 am-1:00 pm Wed/Sat

Walgreens - School
1520 North School Street
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 845-7111
Open 24 hours

5 Minute Pharmacy - Kalihi
1824 Dillingham Blvd. #B
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
(808) 845-5550
8:30 am-5:00 pm M/T/Th/F
8:30 am-12:30 pm W/Sat

O'AHU-Leeward

Pharmacare - Waianae
in Times Supermarket
86-032 Farrington Highway,
Suite 101
Waianae, HI 96792
(808) 628-2800
7:30 am-7:00 pm M-F
8:30 am-5:00 pm Sat/Sun

O'AHU-Windward

Walgreens - Kailua
56 Oneawa Street
Kailua, HI 96734
(808) 263-9980
9:00 am-10:00 pm M-F
9:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday
9:00 am-6:00 pm Sunday

Walgreens - Kaneohe
46-021 Kamehameha Highway
Kaneohe, HI 96744
(808) 234-1490
Open 24 hours

O'AHU Central

Pharmacare - Aiea
99-128 Aiea Heights Drive
Suite 103
Aiea, HI 96701
(808) 840-5680
9:00 am-5:00 pm M-F

Pharmacare - Pali Momi
98-1079 Moanalua Road, MOB
Suite 150
Aiea, HI 96701
(808) 840-5660
8:30 am-5:00 pm M-F
8:30 am-12:30 pm Sat

Walgreens - Ewa Beach
91-1081 Keaunui Drive
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
(808) 683-1166
24 hours

Pharmacare - Queens West
91-2139 Fort Weaver Road
Suite 106
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
(808) 840-5630
9:00 am-5:00 pm M-F
9:00 am-12:30 pm Sat

5 Minute Pharmacy-Waipahu
94-216 Farrington Hwy., #102
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797
(808) 677-5550
9:00 am-5:30 pm M-F
9:00 am-1:00 pm Sat

Walgreens- Waipahu
94-223 Farrington Hwy
Waipahu, HI 96797
(808) 664-1903
8:00 am-9:00 pm M-F
9:00 am-6:00 pm Sat/Sun

Walgreens - Wahiawa
135 Kamehameha Hwy
Wahiawa, HI 96786
(808) 622-1050
7:00 am-9:00 pm M-S
7:00 am-7:00 pm Sun

HAWAII ISLAND

Walgreens - Hilo
301 East Makaala Street
Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 961-1001
8:00 am-9:00 pm M-F
9:00 am-7:00 pm Saturday
9:00 am-6:00 pm Sunday

MAUI

Walgreens - Lahaina
342 Keawa Street, Building D
Lahaina, HI 96761
(808) 667-9515
7:00 am-9:00 pm M-F
9:00 am-6:00 pm Saturday
10:00 am-6:00 pm Sunday

Walgreens - Kahului
10 Kamehameha Avenue
Kahului, HI 96732
(808) 872-3301
8:00 am-10:00 pm M-F
9:00 am-6:00 pm Sat/Sun

Walgreens - Main Street
2180 Main Street, #102
Wailuku, HI 96793
(808) 244-7252
8:00 am-7:00 pm M-F
8:00 am-12:00 pm Sat/Sun

Walgreens - Market Street
99 South Market Street, #201
Wailuku, HI 96793
(808) 242-7095
8:30 am-5:30 pm M-F
9:00 am-12:00 pm Saturday

Walgreens - Waiale Road
700 Waiale Road
Wailuku, HI 96793
(808) 872-9742
8:00 am-10:00 pm M-F
9:00 am-6:00 pm Sat/Sun



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