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## National HIV Testing Day is June 27th

June 27th is National HIV Testing Day in the United States. Established in 1995, the day aims to encourage people to get tested for HIV, know their status and get linked to care and treatment.

Many national organizations, government bodies and medical care providers join forces to raise the profile of the day and the disease. The day educates people about HIV — what it is, how it is transmitted, who is at risk and the symptoms. It also aims to connect people who suspect they may be at risk to the relevant

places to get tested and to the subsequent care and support available to them.

More than 1.1 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV today, and 1 in 7 of them don't know it. However with awareness continuing to rise and the accessibility to advice and services improving, the annual number of infections in the United States is gradually declining.

Care Innovations will be hosting a testing event at Walgreens in Hartsville on Monday, June 27 from 9 AM until 2 PM.



Care Innovations Testing Event — Walgreens in Hartsville, Monday, June 27, 9 AM—2 PM

## June Recognized as Pride Month

Every year during the month of June the LGBT community celebrates in a number of different ways. Across the globe, various events are held during this special month as a way of recognizing the influence LGBT people have had around the world. Why was June chosen? Because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place, way back in 1969.

As well as being a month long celebration,

Pride month is also an opportunity to peacefully protest and raise political awareness of current issues facing the community. Parades are a prominent feature of Pride month, and there are many street parties, community events, poetry readings, public speaking, street festivals and educational sessions all of which are covered by mainstream media and attracting millions of participants.



### HIV/AIDS STATS

- \* SC ranks 11th in the nation for AIDS case rates. (SC DHEC)
- \* In SC, more than 20,000 men and women are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS. (SC DHEC)
- \* In 2019, approximately 37,000 people were newly diagnosed with HIV in the US. (CDC)
- \* In the US, 13% of people with HIV do not know they have the virus. (CDC)
- \* People ages 13 to 24 accounted for 21% of all new HIV diagnoses in the US in 2018. (CDC)



***The Care Innovations staff recently participated in outreach events in Bennettsville and Bishopville. Please contact our office if you would like to have us participate in your community event.***

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