



# **News Release**

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**Media Advisory: Visitors and general public to be tested at jail for National HIV Testing Day**

In recognition of National HIV Testing Day, the Alachua County jail will provide free, confidential, and voluntary testing of all interested people who visit friends and family at the county jail on Friday.

The 20-minute test will be provided to educate and enlighten the public about the disease. Those who consent to the testing will receive free literature, condoms and their test results once they conclude visits with inmates at the jail.

This is not the first time the jail has conducted free HIV testing of visitors. The last time the project was held in 2008, 63 people were tested. When testing was conducted in 2006, 57 people were tested. The tests will be provided by the Alachua County Health Department.

The testing will take place from 5 – 8 p.m. on Friday, June 25, in the health department's Mobile Outreach Clinic that will be parked in the jail's front parking lot located at 3333 NE 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

For more information on the testing, call Chris Holliday, Alachua County Health Department Human Services Representative at 491-4484.