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National Hepatitis Testing Day 2023

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month. Get tested and learned your status.

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Friday, May 19, marks National Hepatitis Testing Day. This national testing day encourages all adults 18 years and older to get screened at least once in their lives for hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

In the United States, about 862,000 people are living with hepatitis B virus (HBV) and about 2.4 million are living with hepatitis C virus (HCV), according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Most people with chronic HBV or HCV don't experience symptoms until the infection has reached later stages, leading to a greater risk for complications and even death.

Although HCV is curable and HBV is manageable, treatment can begin only when a person is tested and knows their status.

> #HepatitisC can be CURED. This #HepatitisAwarenessMonth, use this widget to find #Treatment near you: https://t.co/fAQv3pvuX9 pic.twitter.com/4fjqhRv3fO
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> — CDC Hepatitis (@cdchep) May 15, 2023

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all adults ages 18 and older should be screened for HBV and HCV once in their lifetime, and pregnant women should be tested during each pregnancy.

It's #HepatitisAwarenessMonth!

Spread awareness of #HepA, #HepB, and #HepC by using our social media toolkit!

Check it out here: https://t.co/Nd2eUwc3dX pic.twitter.com/GoCzSAFIcC

— CDC Hepatitis (@cdchep) May 12, 2023

National Hepatitis Testing Day aims not only to raise awareness about the importance of hepatitis testing, vaccination and treatment but also to eliminate viral hepatitis in the United States once and for all, per the Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan.

Click Hepatitis Awareness Month for additional events and campaigns happening this May.

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