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RTA Outreach Planned for HIV Testing Day Awareness

(Cleveland, OH) Two local events coordinated by the AIDS Funding Collaborative will raise awareness about the importance of HIV testing and National HIV Testing Day.

On Friday, June 12, and Wednesday, June 24, volunteers at RTA Rapid stations will distribute information on where to find a free HIV test in Cleveland, including two special community events on June 13 and 26. Volunteers will be at the following RTA stations on each designated day from 4–6 p.m.:

West—Friday, June 12

Tower City – Public Square
West 25th – Ohio City
West Blvd. – Cudell
West 117th – Madison
Puritas

East—Wednesday, June 24

Tower City – Public Square
Louis Stokes Station at Windermere
University Circle
Shaker Square
Warrensville

National HIV Testing Day (Saturday, June 27) is a public education campaign to raise awareness of and reduce stigma around HIV testing. “These events are an excellent opportunity to raise awareness for HIV testing and our wonderful local resources,” said Laureen Tews Harbert, AFC director.

“It is estimated that 25 percent of Americans who are HIV positive are unaware of their status. This campaign is a reminder that we should all be tested,” added David Merriman, AFC Vice-Chair and Project Coordinator in the Office of HIV Services at the Cleveland Department of Public Health.

For information about other activities related to National Testing Day, HIV and/or testing, contact Tammie Jones at the Cleveland Department of Public Health at (216) 420-8641.

The AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) strengthens the community’s response to HIV/AIDS as a public/private partnership providing coordination, leadership, and funding in Greater Cleveland. The AFC is located within the offices of The Center for Community Solutions, which provides fiscal and administrative oversight.