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**Pinellas Prevention Partnership Recognizes World AIDS Day, Dec. 1,
With Screenings and Events**

Free HIV screenings at the five Pinellas County Health Department centers and other locations, presentations and two special events will mark the **21st Annual World AIDS Day** on Dec. 1 in Pinellas County. *(See full event schedule below.)*

World AIDS Day links communities across the globe in an international effort to draw attention to HIV/AIDS. Observance of this day provides an opportunity for governments, national AIDS programs, churches, community organizations and individuals to demonstrate the importance of the fight against HIV/AIDS.

This year's World AIDS Day Wellness Fair is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Family Center, 1201 Douglas Ave., Clearwater.

It is co-sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Clearwater Alumnae Chapter. The Pinellas County Health Department, along with partners from the Pinellas Prevention Partnership, will be presenting a variety of activities designed to draw attention back to a pandemic that continues to infect millions of people in the county, the state, the nation and the world.

Services include free HIV and hepatitis testing, hepatitis vaccines, screenings for high blood pressure and diabetes and other health and social services.

Free HIV testing will also be available at all five Pinellas County Health Department health centers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day. For more information, call the HIV/AIDS program, (727) 824-6900, ext. 11453.

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This is the schedule for the other Pinellas County World AIDS Day events:

Presentation by Chelsea Gulden: "Does HIV Look Like Me?"

Noon, Monday, Nov. 30

Davis 130 at the University of South Florida, 140 7th Ave. S., St. Petersburg

Contact: JaDawn Wright

(727) 767-8167

Presentation and Free HIV testing

Provided by JaDawn Wright, Youth Education Services

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Presentation, Noon-1 p.m. at Davis 130, University of South Florida, 140 7th Ave. S., St. Petersburg

Free HIV testing, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Bay 117

Contact: JaDawn Wright

(727) 767-8167

Free HIV testing

Noon-4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1,

Collins Temple AME Church, 3620 18th Ave. S., St. Petersburg

Contact: Eric Milton

(727) 328-8333

Free HIV testing

11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1

Greene Chapel AME Church, 1950 134th Ave. N., Largo

Contact: Rev. Cassiebell Taylor

(727) 586-6893

Free HIV Testing

11 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1

St. James AME Church, 1436 S. Madison Ave., Clearwater

Contact: Rev. Bernard Smith

(727) 442-2336

World AIDS Day Prayer Breakfast, AIDS Services Association of Pinellas

7:30-9 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1

Sirata Beach Resort, 5300 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach

Tickets: \$15

Contact: Robyn Richards

(727) 323-3264

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World AIDS Day Gala, AIDS Services Association of Pinellas
6:30-10:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5
St. Petersburg Hilton, 333 1st St. S., St. Petersburg
Tickets: \$125
Contact: Anthony Barros
(727) 328-3268

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