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**PINELLAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MARKS
NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY, FEB. 7,
WITH SCREENINGS AND EDUCATION**

The 10th annual National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) on Sunday, Feb. 7, aims to encourage African-Americans across the United States to *get educated, get tested, get involved and get treated* concerning HIV/AIDS, which continues to devastate their communities.

In 2006, both African-American men and women had the highest HIV death rates per 100,000 in the 25-34 and 35-44 age groups. HIV was the fourth-leading cause of death for African-American men and third-leading cause of death for African-American women, ages 25-44. Unfortunately, many of those who are infected with HIV are unaware of their status and may unknowingly transmit the virus to others. For more HIV/AIDS information, go to www.BlackAIDSDay.org.

Thanks to several area partnerships, the Pinellas County Health Department will offer screenings, vaccines and testing at these community events:

- **10 AM-4 PM, Saturday, Feb. 6:** With The Banyan Tree, the Front Porch Community Development Association, the NAACP and Metropolitan Charities, the Pinellas County Health Department will offer prevention education, HIV testing and free H1N1 vaccines at the Front Porch Community Development Association, 1523 16th St. S., St. Petersburg.

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- **2-6 PM, Sunday, Feb. 7:** With the AIDS Service Association of Pinellas and the Flamingo Resort, the Pinellas County Health Department will provide free H1N1 vaccines, hepatitis and syphilis screenings, Hepatitis B vaccines and HIV rapid testing. The Flamingo Resort is at 4601 34th St. S., St. Petersburg.

- **10 AM-3 PM, Saturday, Feb. 13:** The Pinellas County Health Department is partnering with the YMCA of the Suncoast, High Point Branch and Metropolitan Charities to provide free H1N1 vaccines, blood-pressure and blood-sugar checks and HIV testing at the Highpoint YMCA, 5345 Laurel Place, Clearwater.

For more information, call the Pinellas County Health Department HIV/AIDS Program, (727) 824.6900, ext. 11453.

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