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Free Hepatitis C Testing Offered on World Hepatitis Day

July 24, 2015 Watertown, NY—The Jefferson County Public Health Service (JCPHS) will be offering free Hepatitis C testing on July 28 from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Just stop by the Public Health Facility at 531 Meade Street, Watertown on Tuesday to receive your free test.

Anyone can be tested, but the JCPHS especially recommends testing for those born between 1945 and 1965. Also at risk are those who had a blood transfusion or a blood product like Rhogam before 1992, obtained a tattoo outside of a licensed facility, or injected or snorted drugs – even only once. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says men who've had sex with other men should be tested.

The Hepatitis C virus attacks the liver. If left undiagnosed and untreated, hepatitis C can lead to serious liver disease such as cirrhosis, liver failure and liver cancer. Hepatitis C can be cured. New and more effective treatments can cure more than 90% of cases in as little as 12 weeks.

All individuals who test positive will receive educational materials and be referred for treatment. If you have any questions, please call 315-785-3720.

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