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Take the Test, Take Control June 27 is National HIV Testing Day

(Santa Ana) – Thousands of Americans will be tested for HIV on June 27, taking the test and taking control of their health. National HIV Testing Day promotes testing and early diagnosis of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and is a good reminder that HIV testing is available year-round throughout Orange County, for free and at low cost, and test results can remain confidential or completely anonymous.

Latinos are especially affected by HIV/AIDS. In 2008, almost half (46%) of Orange County AIDS cases and 35% of all HIV cases reported were Latino. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about one-fourth of the more than one million people living with HIV in the United States don't know they are infected. In Orange County, it is estimated that close to 1,600 persons have HIV and are not aware of it.

HIV testing is a routine part of general healthcare and is a critical step in reducing HIV infections. Knowing your HIV status empowers you to help prevent the spread of the disease. "Once you know your status you can take steps to protect your health, the health of your partners, and the health of your community" said Martin Salas, Co-Chair of the HIV Prevention Planning Committee. In Orange County, the following agencies offer confidential and anonymous free or low-cost testing:

- **Orange County Health Care Agency:** 17th Street Clinic, (714) 834-8787: walk-ins only - Mon., Wed., and Thurs. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tue. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and REACH mobile testing throughout the County, (866) 337-3224
- **The Center Orange County:** (714) 534-0862: call for times and locations
- **AIDS Services Foundation:** (949) 809-8775: walk-ins only - Tue., Wed., and Thurs. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Laguna Beach Community Clinic:** Tue., Wed., Thurs., and Sat. - call for hours, (949) 494-0761 (there is a charge for services, call for details).
- For more testing sites and information call the AIDS Hotline at (800) 367-2437 or go online: www.AIDShotline.org

Make a difference today! Get tested for HIV; tell a friend to get tested for HIV; and consider joining the HIV Prevention Planning Committee to make your voice heard! For more information on the Prevention Planning Committee or HIV services in Orange County, contact the Health Care Agency at (714) 834-8711. Make HIV testing a part of your routine healthcare, Take the Test, Take Control!