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### **Free HIV Testing Available for People of Color**

To recognize and promote **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**, on Tuesday, February 9, HIV Alliance will offer free Rapid HIV antibody tests to people of color. Rapid HIV Antibody testing allows people to get their test results within 20 minutes.

HIV Alliance is offering free testing to people of color in association with the Black Student Union at the University of Oregon. Testing will be available from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Erb Memorial Union on the University of Oregon campus at the Multicultural Center. **Due to a limited number of test providers, testing will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.**

More than any other racial/ethnic group in the United States, Blacks account for more new HIV infections, AIDS cases, people estimated to be living with HIV disease, and HIV related deaths. In the United States, even though Blacks make up 13% of the population, **they account for about half (49%) of the people who live with HIV/AIDS.**

Testing is encouraged for people who are at a higher risk for contracting HIV including men who have sex with men; persons who inject drugs or who have sex with a person known to have HIV, and for persons who have a history of sexually transmitted infections or engaging in unprotected sex.

Today, CDC estimates approximately 250,000 Americans are living with HIV but unaware of their HIV status. HIV testing is a critical first step in taking control and responsibility over one's health.

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**HIV Alliance:** Supporting individuals living with HIV/AIDS and preventing new HIV infections.

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