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White Party 2018 - HIV and HCV tests, plus Hep A vaccinations onsite

Desert AIDS Project and Riverside University Health System – Public Health want to make sure the roughly 30,000 fun seekers who descend on Palm Springs for the 2018 White Party know their HIV and Hepatitis C status during the event. And this year, vaccinations for Hepatitis A will be offered to those interested.

Starting in 2017, Hepatitis A outbreaks in San Diego, Los Angeles and Santa Cruz have left California cities struggling to contain the spread of the virus, which primarily affects the homeless, drug users, individuals involved in high-risk sexual behavior. But since the virus can be passed by consuming contaminated food, water or ice, it is possible for people outside these groups to contract it.

“We see offering HIV and HCV testing as integral to stomping out both epidemics,” said Bruce Weiss, director of Community Health at D.A.P. “The more people know their status, the less likely they will accidentally spread either virus, and we can link them to care.”

Desert AIDS Project’s Get Tested Coachella Valley team will be on hand to conduct HIV and HCV testing and to assist those affected to find treatment, all three days of the event. Riverside University Health System – Public Health will be offering vaccinations for the Hepatitis A virus on Friday and Saturday.

“The collaboration between Public Health and D.A.P. is one example of community partners coming together to tackle some critical health issues,” said Kim Saruwatari, director of Public Health. “We agree that getting tested and learning your status is empowering and a key to slowing the spread of illness.”

Please see below for schedule of testing and vaccination information.

Friday, April 27 **10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
Renaissance Hotel Mobile Van, Valet Parking Lot
D.A.P. for HIV and HCV
Riverside Department of Public Health for Hep A vaccine

Friday, April 27 **10p.m. to 2 a.m.**
Renaissance Hotel - Pueblo Room
D.A.P. for HIV and HCV

Saturday, April 28 **10a.m. to 6p.m.**
Renaissance Hotel - Pueblo Room
D.A.P. for HIV and HCV
Riverside Department of Public Health for Hep A vaccine

Sunday, April 29 **3p.m. to 6 p.m.**
Inside T-Dance (next to Impulse tent)
D.A.P. for HIV and HCV

To learn more about hepatitis care at D.A.P., click [here](#).
To learn more about STI screening at D.A.P., click [here](#).