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## Free Testing Available During Hepatitis Awareness Month

Walk-in clinics to be held on May 24

Did you know that up to 75 percent of people living with hepatitis C do not know they are infected?

May is National Hepatitis Awareness Month. To recognize this month, Wake County will hold free walk-in hepatitis C testing clinics on May 24.

The effects of hepatitis C can go unnoticed for years or decades, while slowly damaging the liver. By the time symptoms appear, liver damage is often significant. In fact, it is the leading cause of liver transplants and can cause cirrhosis, cancer and even death.

“Hepatitis C is serious, but treatable in most cases,” said Dr. Kimberly McDonald, medical director at Wake County Human Services. “Diagnosis can be made with a simple blood test. Once diagnosed, residents can be connected with the right care and their best chance for a cure.”

Walk-in testing clinics will be held at two locations on May 24:

- 1-3:30 p.m. at the [Southern Regional Center](#) in Fuquay-Varina
- 1-5 p.m. at the [Millbrook Human Services Center](#) in Raleigh

Wake County residents who cannot attend the May 24 walk-in clinics are encouraged to schedule an appointment for free at any of the following locations:

- [Eastern Regional Center](#) in Zebulon - 919-404-3900
- [Northern Regional Center](#) in Wake Forest - 919-562-6300
- [Southern Regional Center](#) in Fuquay-Varina - 919-557-2501
- [Sunnybrook](#) in Raleigh - 919-250-3900

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about hepatitis C and its risk factors.

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