

## DHD#10 CELEBRATES WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

July 27, 2022 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10), along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Hepatitis Alliance, is celebrating World Hepatitis Day (WHD) on June 28, 2022. WHD is a day designed to unite patient organizations, governments, medical professionals, and the public to boost awareness of viral hepatitis.

### Fast Facts – Hepatitis

According to the both the CDC and the World Hepatitis Alliance:

- Viral hepatitis is one of the leading causes of death globally, accounting for 1.34 million deaths per year
  - That is as many as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, or malaria
- It affects more than 300 million people worldwide
- In the US, only 25% of the total cases get diagnosed
- Currently, 90% of people living with Hepatitis B and 80% living with Hepatitis C are not aware of their status
  - This can result in the real possibility of developing fatal liver disease at some point in their lives and in some cases, unknowingly transmitting the infection to others
- Both hepatitis A and hepatitis B are preventable with safe and effective vaccines, and hepatitis C is curable with prescribed treatment

"Early detection, getting linked to care, and proper treatment are the key to slowing the progression of hepatitis to prevent liver damage and reduce the risk of liver cancer," stated Dr. Jennifer Morse, Medical Director for DHD#10. "Fortunately, there is an effective vaccine for hepatitis A and B, and new treatments for those living with hepatitis C that can cure more than 90% of individuals."

To help raise awareness for viral hepatitis, learn your status and stay up to date on immunizations. The CDC recommends that all adults get tested for hepatitis C at least once in their lifetime and routinely for people with additional risk factors. You can learn more about getting tested here: <https://gettested.cdc.gov/>.

DHD#10 can help you stay up to date on your immunizations. Make an appointment today by calling 888-217-3904. Learn more about hepatitis at: <https://www.dhd10.org/world-hepatitis-day-2022/>. For treatment of hepatitis, contact your healthcare provider.

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