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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Please include in community calendars

Contact: Jeannine Mallory, Public Information Officer
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Pinellas County Health Department to Hold FREE Health Testing Event for the Community in November

Who:

Pinellas County Health Department – The St. Petersburg Healthy Start Federal Project Outreach Team

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What:

- Free testing for HIV, pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STD's)
- Testing is free and confidential
- A nurse will be available for health assessments

When:

- Wednesday, November 7, 2007 - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where:

- Frank Pierce (Bartlett Park) Recreation Center, 2000 7th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Why:

- HIV is the virus that causes AIDS
- If you are HIV positive, early treatment can help you stay healthy and can help slow the process of the disease
- In 2005, Florida was the #3 state in the U.S. with the number of reported AIDS cases
- In 2005, Pinellas County was #13 of the top 20 counties in Florida, with 922 Blacks living with HIV/AIDS.
- The only way to know for sure you have HIV is to have an HIV test

For more information:

- Call (727) 552-1504

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