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HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HOST SYMPOSIUM ON HIV/AIDS

Free Community Seminar - Friday, February 26

The statistics surrounding HIV/AIDS are staggering. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 1.1 million people in the United States are living with HIV/AIDS. Of that number, 21% don't know that they are infected with the disease.

"It may not be an easy subject to talk about, but it must be recognized," said Dr. Karen Thomas, Epidemiologist for the Martin County Health Department. "HIV/AIDS can be prevented by raising awareness and providing education and testing".

With the goal of raising awareness and providing education, The Martin County Health Department will host its first annual "HIV/AIDS Symposium". The free program will provide the human side of the illness as well as information about current trends. Featured speakers include Leanne Jennison, a Stuart resident diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, who will share her thoughts about living with the disease and medical expert Dr. Moti Ramgopal.

The Health Department's Epidemiology team will also be launching an HIV/AIDS community assessment during the conference. The assessment is designed to gather input from the community about HIV/AIDS programs, resources and services. The survey is anonymous and results are expected to be released in the Fall. Persons can access the survey at the event or via the web at www.MartinCountyHealth.com

1st Annual HIV/AIDS Symposium

Sponsored by: The Martin County Health Department

Respect Yourself – Protect Yourself – Get Tested!

Friday, February 26

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Treasure Coast Hospice of Martin County
1201 SW Indian Street, Stuart

Call: 221-4000 ext. 2248 to register

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