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## **NEWS ADVISORY**

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### **FREE HIV TESTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**What:** In conjunction with National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) the Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) will offer free HIV testing. This is a blood test taken from a finger-prick with test results available within an hour.

**Where:** Mexican Consulate  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
230 West 400 South  
Salt Lake City

**When:** Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Why:** The CDC estimates that 800 -1,000 persons in Utah do not even know they are infected with the HIV virus. Latinos comprise 14% of the national population, but account for 20% of those living with HIV.

The HIV test is the only way to tell if you are infected so you can receive proper care. By not knowing your HIV status, you may continue to engage in behavior that could jeopardize your health, and the health of others.

For more information on **HIV testing**, visit the SLVHD website at [www.slvhealth.org](http://www.slvhealth.org) or call 534-4666. For more information on National Latino AIDS Awareness Day activities and events, visit [www.nlaad.org](http://www.nlaad.org).

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