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HIV TESTING

Human Immuno-deficiency virus (HIV) attacks the immune system and reduces one's ability to resist other infections. Acquired Immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is the resultant disease complex. The virus is transmitted by having unprotected sexual intercourse; by sharing needles; or by receiving transplanted tissue or organs from infected individuals. It cannot be transmitted from air, food, water, insects, animals or from a hug, handshake, sneeze, and casual contact. Over one million Americans are already infected with HIV, and forty thousand more become infected each year.

The human immuno-deficiency virus may not show positive in the blood from six weeks to six months after the initial contact. The University Health Center tests all currently enrolled students for HIV either anonymously or confidentially per their choice. A counseling staff member will speak with the student privately to discuss the testing procedure, the risk factors; and, to determine whether the student wishes to test anonymously or confidentially. The student will sign the information consent form for confidential testing or give verbal consent for anonymous testing.

All students must return in person for their results. Results will not be given over the telephone nor to any other person. Results should be ready in twenty four to forty eight hours. A counseling staff member will provide and discuss the test outcome.

Your health care professionals at the University of Houston Health Center will be happy to answer any questions.



Healthfully yours,

Dr. Healthberry

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