



**State of Florida Department of Health
 CONSENT FORM
 ANONYMOUS HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) ANTIBODY TEST**

HIV testing is a process that uses FDA-approved tests to detect the presence of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS and to see how HIV is affecting your body. The most common type of HIV test detects antibodies produced by the body after HIV infection. Test results are highly reliable but a negative test does not guarantee that you are healthy. Generally, it can take up to three months for HIV antibodies to develop. This is called the "window" period. During this time, you can test negative for HIV even though the virus is in your body and you can give it to others. A positive HIV test means that you are infected with HIV and can also give it to others even when you feel healthy.

If you consent by filling out and signing this form, a specimen will be taken and you will be tested. Generally, test results will be available in about 2 weeks. If a rapid HIV test is used, results will be available the same day. If the rapid test detects HIV antibodies, it is very likely that you are infected with the virus, but this result will need to be confirmed. You will be asked to submit a second specimen for further testing. The results from this confirmatory test will be available to you in about 2 weeks.

If you test positive, you will be asked about sex and/or needle-sharing partners and voluntary partner counseling and referral services (PCRS) will be offered to you.

Finding HIV infection early can be important to your treatment, which along with proper precautions, helps prevent spread of the disease. If you are pregnant, there is treatment available to help prevent your baby from getting HIV. If you have any questions, please ask your counselor, physician, or call the Florida AIDS Hotline (1-800-FLA-AIDS or 1-800-352-2437) before signing this form.

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<p>_____ YES _____ NO Check Here</p>	<p>I have been informed about HIV testing and its benefits and limitations. I understand that some tests require a second specimen to be taken from me for further testing. I consent to be tested.</p>
<p>_____</p> <p align="center">Date</p>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 300px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 5px;"> Place DH1628 Scan ID sticker here </div>	
<p>_____</p> <p align="center">Witness Signature</p>	<p>_____</p> <p align="center">Date</p>

- Instructions:
1. Please ensure that clients read and understand the information provided on this consent form. If clients are unable to read or understand this information, the counselor should read it to them.
 2. After anonymous clients receive information about the HIV antibody test, they must indicate their consent by checking "yes" or "no", dating the form, and, for those who choose testing, placing the scan ID# on the form.
 3. All consent forms must have a witness signature. The counselor conducting the pre-test counseling can serve as the witness.