

OFFER OF HIV TESTING

New York State Public Health Law now requires that an offer of HIV related testing be made to all persons between the ages of 13 and 64 receiving hospital or primary care services except under specific circumstances. Although HIV testing is not routinely done at LoGrasso Hall Health Center, arrangements will be made to have an HIV test done at local facilities at your request. Free and/or confidential testing can be done at the Chautauqua County Health Department during specific clinic times. If you desire immediate testing this can be ordered by one of the medical providers and done at a local hospital laboratory. If done at the hospital, your health insurance will be billed and you may be responsible for any uncovered costs. Please review the printed material on HIV which is available at the front desk.

Acknowledgment of an HIV testing offer-Signature required

Suny Fredonia Health Service staff has answered my questions. I have been provided written information about HIV and the availability of HIV testing.

- HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.
- The only way to know if you have HIV is to be tested.
- HIV testing is voluntary. Consent can be withdrawn at any time.
- Several testing options are available, including anonymous and confidential.
- State law protects the confidentiality of test results and also protects test subjects from discrimination based on HIV status. My health provider will talk with me about notifying my sex or needle-sharing partners of possible exposure if I test positive.

If your test result is negative, you can learn how to protect yourself from being infected in the future. If you are positive, you can take steps to prevent passing the virus to others, and you can receive treatment for HIV and learn about ways to stay healthy.