

# Media Advisory

## July 21, 2022

Windsor Essex Community Health Centre  
Centre de santé communautaire de Windsor Essex



### **WORLD HEPATITIS DAY WINDSOR - HEP CAN'T WAIT!**

WINDSOR, ON – World Hepatitis Day is observed on July 28<sup>th</sup> every year. The goal is to enhance global awareness surrounding hepatitis.

**WHO:** weCHC Hepatitis C Treatment and Support Team, in partnership with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

**WHAT:** Free testing clinics throughout the entire week.

**WHERE AND WHEN:** The Downtown Mission (Windsor): July 26 10am – 12pm

H4 (Water World) (Windsor): July 26 1pm – 3pm

St. John's Anglican Church (Leamington): July 27 11am – 2pm

Hope Haven (Chatham): July 28 10:30am – 12pm

Thunderbird Plaza (Walpole Island): July 28 12:30 – 2pm

St. James Drop-In (Wallaceburg): July 28<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 3pm

**WHY:** World Hepatitis Day is an opportunity to enhance public awareness, provide education, reduce stigma, foster community engagement, and find ways to better address hepatitis C in the future.

**Testing is the only way to diagnose an individual with hepatitis C.** Testing is Free, and the Hepatitis C Treatment and Support team is a mobile team available for testing and treatment year-round!

**The best time for the media to visit a pop-up clinic is:**

July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Mission from 10am – 12 pm or H4 (Water World) from 1 pm – 3 pm.

**To schedule an interview, please call Shelby Colarossi at 226-347-7191**

\*\*Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the Hepatitis C virus. Hepatitis C virus is contracted through the spread of contaminated blood. Once in the blood the virus infects the liver. The virus uses liver cells to make copies of itself, infecting more liver cells.