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The Manchester Health Department Highlights Hepatitis Awareness Month

The month of May has been designated as *Hepatitis Awareness Month*. Hepatitis C is a liver disease that results from infection with the hepatitis C virus. Once infected with the hepatitis C virus, many individuals remain infected for life; although they often do not have symptoms and can live for decades without feeling sick. For others, the disease can cause serious health problems including liver damage, cirrhosis, and even liver cancer. .Tim Soucy, Public Health Director at the Manchester Health Department reports, "According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), hepatitis C is a leading cause of liver cancer and the leading reason for liver transplants." Soucy continues, "CDC recommends everyone born from 1945-1965 get tested for hepatitis C. Baby Boomers are five times more likely to be infected with the virus." In addition to individuals born between 1945 through 1965, CDC also recommends Hepatitis C testing for anyone who received donated blood or organs before 1992, anyone who has injected drugs and others with certain medical conditions.

The Manchester Health Department is providing Hepatitis C testing at no cost, during the following clinic times.

Tuesday, May 14, 2013: 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

Friday, May 24, 2013: 9:00 am-12:00 noon

The clinics are held on a walk-in basis at the Manchester Health Department, which is located at 1528 Elm St, Manchester, NH. No appointment is necessary. For additional information, please call 624-6466.