

Idaho Viral Hepatitis - News

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Boise, Idaho – Idaho Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter has proclaimed May 19, 2014, to be National Hepatitis Testing Day in Idaho. The Idaho Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Idaho Hepatitis Advisory Council have initiated a statewide campaign to help observe National Hepatitis Testing Day in Idaho to promote the importance of testing. The Governor’s proclamation included important information that sheds light on the hidden viral hepatitis epidemic in Idaho by raising awareness of viral hepatitis and encouraging priority populations to get tested.

Viral hepatitis is a leading cause of liver cancer and liver transplants and it is estimated 4.4 million Americans are living with chronic Hepatitis. Many people are living with Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C without having symptoms or feeling sick. People born from 1945 through 1965 are five times more likely to be infected with Hepatitis C than other adults.

Source: The Idaho Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program