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The Long Island Association for AIDS Care recognizes National Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

June 8, 2017 is National Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Day. It is a day dedicated to spreading awareness of the impact of HIV and AIDS on the Caribbean American population. New York is home to many Caribbean Americans, hailing from countries such as Jamaica, Haiti, Bahamas, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The CDC recognizes that African Americans are at a higher risk of contracting HIV than any other ethnic group. Since a large group of Caribbean people claim African ancestry, this disparity deeply affects these communities. The Caribbean has the second highest HIV prevalence in the world, after Sub-Saharan Africa.

In observance of National Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC) will be providing free and confidential HIV testing at Walgreens, located at 393 Front Street, Hempstead, New York 11550, on June 8 from 2 to 6 p.m. There will also be free music and giveaways.

LIAAC offers free and confidential testing for HIV and hepatitis C, as well as screening for chlamydia and gonorrhea. We also provide referrals and linkage to medical services. Please, call our hotline at 1.877.865.4222 for more information.

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