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May is National Hepatitis Awareness Month and Long Island Association for AIDS Care's (LIAAC) goal is to highlight the silent epidemic of more than 5 million Americans suffering from chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C infections.

CDC Director Thomas Frieden, MD, MPH, stated; "People born between 1945 and 1965 ("Baby Boomers") to get tested at least one time for HCV antibody. Three-quarters of all Hepatitis C infections and three-quarters of hepatitis C deaths occur in Baby Boomers."

On **May 19th, National Hepatitis Testing Day**, Project REACH will conduct Hepatitis C testing and outreach, in Hempstead and Lawrence. In addition, OMH HIRE will be offering HCV testing on May 20th and at the Hempstead Parole on May 21st.

For adults, 50 and older, the SAMHSA Seasoned Adult program will be providing HCV testing. For more information and a complete list of Hepatitis C testing locations and times, visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LIAAC.inc>, call our toll free number at 1-866-236-3448, and for information on safer sex practices visit our Pinterest page at <http://www.pinterest.com/liaac/safer-sex/>.

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