

OCTOBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Matrix MACHealth 6:30 PM-8:30 PM	5 Unified 5:30 PM-8:30 PM	6	7 CLOSED
8	9	10 OCHD 5:00 PM-7:30 PM	11 Matrix MACHealth 6:30 PM-8:30 PM	12	13	14 Unified 1 PM-4 PM
15	16	17	18 Matrix MACHealth 6:30 PM-8:30 PM	19 Unified 5:30PM-8:30 PM	20	21 Matrix MACHealth 1 PM-3 PM
22	23	24	25 Matrix MACHealth 6:30 PM-8:30 PM	26	27	28 Unified 1 PM-4 PM
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**MATRIX MAC HEALTH**

Free HIV, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and Hepatitis C testing Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm and the 1st and 3rd Saturday, 1-3pm. Last client taken 30min before end. Everyone welcome. 248-545-1435, ext. 123.

**OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION (OCHD)**

Free STD and HIV testing the second Tuesday, 5-7:30pm. Last client taken at 7pm. All testing by Registered Nurses. Offered: HIV Rapid Testing, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Trichomoniasis (Trich). Throat and anal cultures as needed. OCHD offers anonymous or confidential HIV and STI tests. Please bring photo ID and do NOT urinate before test. Urine sample required for some tests. Everyone welcome. 248-858-5476.

**UNIFIED**

Free HIV testing 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-8:30pm and 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 1-4pm. Last client taken 30min before end. For more information, please call the Michigan HIV/STI Hotline at 1-800-872-2437. Everyone welcome.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### HIV Testing Process

The HIV testing process takes 30 minutes, depending on conversation length with counselor or nurse. Testing agencies who provide service at Affirmations use a rapid HIV testing method that involves a finger prick to take a drop of blood. The results take about 20 minutes. The current test used is *Alere Determine*, a fourth generation test. (Means will test for HIV1, HIV 2, and the HIV1 antigen.) For more information about *Alere Determine*, please go to the manufacturer's website at [www.alere.com](http://www.alere.com).

If the rapid test has a preliminary positive, additional tests will be performed to confirm HIV infection:

**Matrix MAC Health**– An oral sample test is performed and sent for testing. Results take up to 2 weeks.

**Unified or OCHD** - A blood draw is performed and sent for testing. Results typically take 5-7 days.

### Confidential vs. Anonymous Testing

*Confidential* testing means your name and other information are attached to your test results.

*Anonymous* testing means your name is never used — you are given an ID number. All agencies who provide service at Affirmations offer both confidential and anonymous testing.

### Matrix MAC Health

Now under the umbrella of Matrix Human Services and its existing Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, Matrix MAC Health provides information, risk reduction training, counseling and testing, and case management services for HIV, as well as testing and referral services for other sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) for at-risk populations in southeastern Michigan. Questions, **248-545-1435, ext. 123** or **Terry Ryan, [tryan@matrixhs.org](mailto:tryan@matrixhs.org)**.

### Unified

*TESTING TOGETHER* is a ground-breaking new HIV testing and counseling **service for male couples/sexual partners**. Officially known as *Couples Voluntary Counseling and Testing (CVCT)*, *TESTING TOGETHER* provides an opportunity for male couples/sexual partners to get tested for HIV together and receive their results together in a safe, neutral environment, which affirms their relationship and allows for open discussion about safer sex. They will then meet with a counselor, discuss risk factors and get tested together. Currently, *TESTING TOGETHER* is available by appointment only. For more information on *TESTING TOGETHER* or to schedule an appointment, contact Unified's Main Office at **313-446-9820** or the Michigan HIV/AIDS/STD Hotline at **1-800-872-AIDS (2437)**.

Unified is transitioning to a new 4th generation HIV rapid test that will test for *HIV antibodies and the p24 antigen*. This test named *DETERMINE* will allow for earlier detection of HIV infection. This test still requires a finger prick with test results in 21 minutes.

### Oakland County Health Division

Every second Tuesday from 5-7:30pm, Oakland County provides testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and Trichomoniasis (Trich). All testing performed by Registered Nurses. Last client taken at 7:30pm. Throat and anal cultures as needed on a case by case basis. **Everyone welcome**. STD treatment provided by Oakland County Health Division nurses as needed. For questions, call **248-858-5476**.