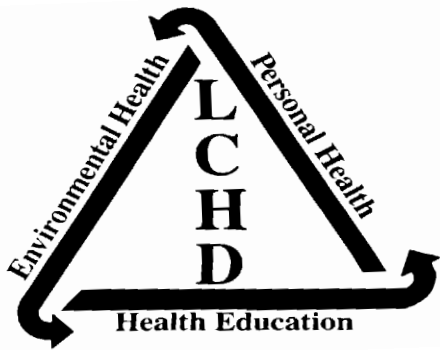


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“Mobile Hepatitis C Screening Available”

Ottawa, IL -- LaSalle County Health Department is offering a free mobile Hepatitis C screening clinic. This mobile clinic will be on Friday, July 26th in Ottawa from 11:00 – 2:00. It will be held in the Ottawa North Kroger parking lot, which is located at 2701 N. Columbus St. Ottawa, IL. This is a **FREE** clinic with test results in 20 minutes and does not require a blood draw. This is a finger stick test. Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus. Hepatitis C can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness. Hepatitis C is often described as “acute,” meaning a new infection or “chronic,” meaning lifelong infection.

Those who are most at risk for Hepatitis C infection include:

- Anyone born between 1945 – 1965
- Injection drug users
- Healthcare workers
- Blood exposure
- Men who have sex with men
- HIV positive individuals
- Unprofessional tattoos or body piercings
- Anyone who has been incarcerated

Additional Hepatitis C testing mobile clinics will be offered in LaSalle County in the coming weeks with locations and times to be announced. For more information regarding Hepatitis C you can visit our website at www.lasallecounty.org

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