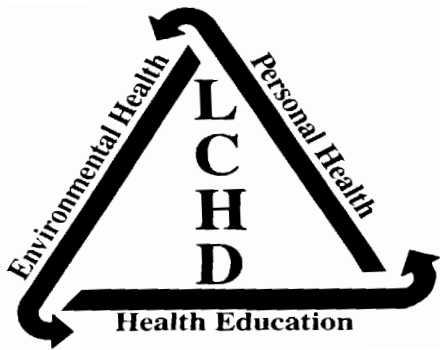


## MEDIA RELEASE



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### “Mobile Hepatitis C Screening Available”

Ottawa, IL -- LaSalle County Health Department is offering a free mobile Hepatitis C screening clinic. The first mobile clinic will be on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Mendota from 11:00 – 2:00. It will be held in the Mendota city parking lot, which is located at the Southwest intersection of Rt. 34 (6th Ave.) & 8th St. 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](http://www.lasallecounty.org)

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