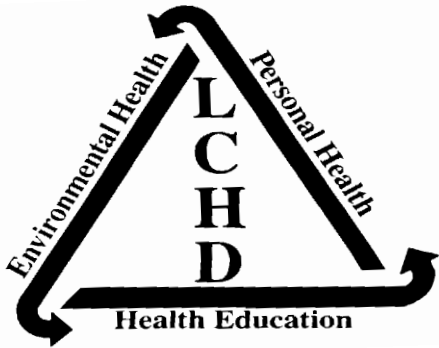


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### “Mobile Hepatitis C Screening Available”

Ottawa, IL - - LaSalle County Health Department is offering a free mobile Hepatitis C screening clinic. This clinic is made possible by using the OSF King Care-A-Van. The mobile health center, donated by Don and Val King, of rural Manlius, promotes wellness in rural communities.

This mobile clinic will be on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> in Streator from 1:30 – 3:30. It will be held in the Streator City Park, South lot, which is located at 301 N. Vermillion Street, Streator, 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

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Additional Hepatitis C testing mobile clinics will be held at the following locations in LaSalle County:

**August 20<sup>th</sup> in LaSalle at the St. Patrick's Church parking lot** on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Joliet Street, LaSalle, IL from 11:00 – 2:00 pm.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Marseilles in front of the Nursing Services Building**, 227 S. Main Street, Marseilles, IL from 11:00 – 2:00 pm.

For more information regarding Hepatitis C you can visit our website at [www.lasallecounty.org](http://www.lasallecounty.org)

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