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## FSU Offers Free HIV and Syphilis Testing for Students

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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (WTXL)** - Students at Florida State University got the opportunity to find out their sexual health status on Friday.

The Neighborhood Medical Center provided free HIV and syphilis testing by Strozier Library on FSU's campus.

It was offered beginning at 10 a.m. and wrapped up at 5p.m.

More than 1.2 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV, although 1 in 8 don't know they have the virus.

About 40,000 people were diagnosed with HIV in the United States in 2015.

Organizers said that it's important for college-aged students to get tested.

"HIV/AIDS, it affects everyone. It doesn't have a particular color, creed, sexual orientation, race, or anything like that, that it's constricted to. So I think the population at large needs to be aware and informed about the disease and ways we can protect ourselves from contracting the disease," said Eric Walker.

FSU medical students are also hosting the 2nd Annual HIV and AIDS Awareness Candlelight Vigil Friday at 6 p.m. in the atrium of Florida State's College of Medicine.