



## The Bronx Knows: Get Smart, Get Safe, Get Tested Bronx-wide HIV Testing Initiative

### At a Glance

#### The Bronx Knows IS...

- **Voluntary**  
HIV testing will be offered to Bronx residents 18-64 years old. As with all medical tests, the decision is yours.
- **Open to all ages**  
Although the initiative focus is on Bronx residents aged 18-64, people who are younger than 18 and older than 64 are also encouraged to get tested for HIV. If you are younger than 18, you do not need parental consent to be tested for HIV or other STIs.
- **Accessible**  
You do not need insurance to get tested for HIV. The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will provide free test kits for all uninsured Bronx residents who want to get tested. To locate sites where free HIV testing is available, go to [www.nyc.gov/bronxhivtesting](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxhivtesting) or call 311.
- **Easy**  
HIV rapid and conventional testing is now offered in hospitals, community health centers, community organizations, and jails throughout the borough. Other organizations are still signing on.
- **Confidential**  
HIV testing is confidential. Anonymous testing is also available at selected sites.
- **Networked**  
Any person testing positive will be given a confirmatory test, linked to appropriate care and supportive services.
- **Inclusive**  
More than 60 organizations, including all Bronx hospitals, most community health centers, Bronx clinics and major community-based organizations, as well as faith-based and educational institutions have joined in our effort to make the Bronx the first borough that knows its HIV status.