



## NEWS RELEASE Mobile County Health Department

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### **Free STD testing Saturday at South Alabama CARES**

Personnel from the STD Clinic at the Mobile County Health Department will offer free, confidential STD testing services Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at South Alabama CARES, 2054 Dauphin St. Services will include testing for HIV, gonorrhea, hepatitis, chlamydia, and syphilis.

According to Dr. Bernard Eichold, Health Officer for the Mobile County Health Department, 250,000 of the one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States are unaware of their status.

“We encourage anyone who is sexually active to discuss testing for HIV/AIDS and other STDs with their health care provider, even if they have no symptoms,” Eichold says.

The STD Clinic at the Mobile County Health Department also offers confidential testing and medications at no charge from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 251 N. Bayou St. There is a \$1 registration fee and a picture ID is required. For more information, call the STD Clinic at 690-8153.

South Alabama CARES is a not-for-profit agency that provides support, assistance, education, and advocacy for people affected by HIV and AIDS, and HIV prevention education. For more information, call 471-5277.

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