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**PALM BEACH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGES BLACK
CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HIV/AIDS**

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL –March 2 through 8 marks the 19th year of the Black Church Week of Prayer for the healing of AIDS. The Health Department is supporting the efforts of these churches by encouraging them to educate their congregations on the devastating effects HIV/AIDS has had on the black community.

In Palm Beach County one in 42 blacks is living with HIV/AIDS and a disproportionate number of black women account for a number of new cases. On Sunday, March 2 clergy are being asked to encourage all to pray for those infected within their community and educate others on ways to prevent the disease.

The Health Department offers services at its Health Centers in Belle Glade, West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Delray Beach, and Lantana/Lake Worth. The services provided include, testing, Dental Care, AIDS Drug Assistance, Pediatric Clinics, Primary Medical Care and Case Management.

Information can be obtained by visiting the Palm Beach County Health Department website at www.pbchd.com, or by calling our Riviera Beach Health Center at 561-804-7900.

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