



"Enriching Lives"

# County of Los Angeles



*Hep B Free Los Angeles and  
the Hepatitis C Task Force for  
Los Angeles County*

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY - JULY 28, 2015

*With sincere  
congratulations and best wishes  
the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los Angeles does  
hereby join in your  
celebration.*



*Hilda L. Solis*

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Supervisor, First District



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### World Hepatitis Day - Los Angeles Press Conference

Hosted by Hep B Free and the Hepatitis C Task Force for Los Angeles County

**WHAT:** World Hepatitis Day is July 28. The World Health Organization and the World Hepatitis Alliance have announced that the 2015 campaign theme is the prevention of Viral Hepatitis, which affects 400 million people worldwide. Working with these global organizations and the US Department of Health and Human Services, Hep B Free and the Hepatitis C Task Force of Los Angeles County are co-hosting a press conference to educate Angelenos about viral hepatitis and to make Hepatitis B and C screening the standard of care for at-risk populations. Additionally, JWCH Institute, with support from the LA County Department of Public Health, will offer free on-site testing for Hepatitis A, B, C, HIV and sexually-transmitted infections from 10:30AM to 1:00PM.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015  
10:00 AM - press conference  
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Free testing for Hepatitis A, B, C, HIV and STIs

**WHERE:** The Wellness Center at the Historic County Hospital  
1200 N. State Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
\*event will be held in the Lecture Hall

### WHO:

**Emcee: Cristina Perez;** KABC Radio Host and Judge on *Justice for All, with Cristina Perez*  
**Dr. Tse-Ling Fong;** Medical Director, USC Liver Transplant Program and Program Director, Asian Pacific Liver Center  
**Dr. Mohamed El Kabany;** Pfleger Liver Institute, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center  
**Michelle Parra;** Director, Immunization Program, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
**Mayor Eric Garcetti;** City of Los Angeles (invited)  
**Supervisor Hilda Solis;** Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (invited)  
**Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas;** Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (invited)  
**Councilmember David Ryu;** City of Los Angeles, District 4 (invited)

**WHY:** Hepatitis B virus causes up to 80% of all liver cancers worldwide, and Hepatitis C causes a majority of liver cancers in the United States. Combined, viral Hepatitis affects up to 5.3 million Americans and can lead to premature death and disability. But, there is hope! For Hepatitis B, there is a vaccine available and, for those already living with chronic Hepatitis B, medications that safely and effectively reduce viral load. For Hepatitis C, new treatments offer high cure rates with minimal side-effects. The most important thing is for people to know their status by getting tested! Be tested, Be vaccinated, Be treated! It could save your life!

**FREE PARKING:** Lot 10 (off Mission Road between Zonal and Marengo); Courtesy Shuttle from Lot 10 to Wellness Center runs every 15 minutes