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CITY OF SYRACUSE HOSTS “END THE EPIDEMIC” TOWN HALL MEETING ON THURSDAY, ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIV AND PrEP TO PREVENT HIV

Town Hall Will Be at the Atrium in City Hall Commons on Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The City of Syracuse End the Epidemic Task Force will host a town hall meeting on **Thursday, February 9** to spread awareness of HIV in Syracuse and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), a drug which is over 99% effective in preventing the spread of HIV. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the speaking program will begin at 6:15 p.m. The town hall will take place in the Atrium at City Hall Commons, 201 East Washington Street in Syracuse.

This town hall meeting will give those interested in learning more about HIV and PrEP an opportunity to learn about the medication and its positive impact from medical professionals and community leaders. Presenters will include Elizabeth Asiago-Reddy, MD, medical director of Immune Health Services at Upstate University Hospital, Dr. Theo Hodge, Pastor David Patterson and Pastor Daren C. Jaime of the People’s AME Zion Church.

In 2015, Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner convened the End the Epidemic task force to focus on ways to end the spread of HIV in Syracuse by the year 2020. The task force has worked to spread education and awareness of PrEP to prevent the spread of HIV. The task force has performed more than 1,800 HIV screenings and connected more than 600 people at high risk of being infected to PrEP treatment.

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