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NEWS RELEASE

## Health Fair Targets Fabens and Surrounding Area

Department of Public Health joins other agencies to offer free services

**EL PASO, Texas** – The Department of Public Health is hosting a health fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 27 at the Fabens Senior Community Center located at 201 NE Camp Street.

The goal of the event is to reduce the disparities that exist for many residents in Fabens and surrounding communities who may not have convenient access to health services and referrals as needed to improve health outcomes in the El Paso County. In addition to the education and basic preventive screenings such as glucose and blood pressure screenings and vaccinations, the event will also offer free Hepatitis C (HCV) and HIV testing.

“The struggles of being underinsured or not having insurance at all continue to threaten the lives of many in our community,” said Department of Public Health HIV Education Prevention Specialist Jacob Ortega. “This event will provide free services and is open to anyone in the area who needs help in order to alleviate their worries about preventive health.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are 3.5 million people living with HCV infection in the United States. The prevalence of HCV antibodies is also six times higher in those who were born between 1945 and 1965.

The event is made possible through the FOCUS Gilead Grant and the HIV Prevention Services program. For more information on the programs and services provided by the Department of Public Health, call 2-1-1 or visit [www.EPHealth.com](http://www.EPHealth.com) or [www.EPSalud.com](http://www.EPSalud.com).

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