



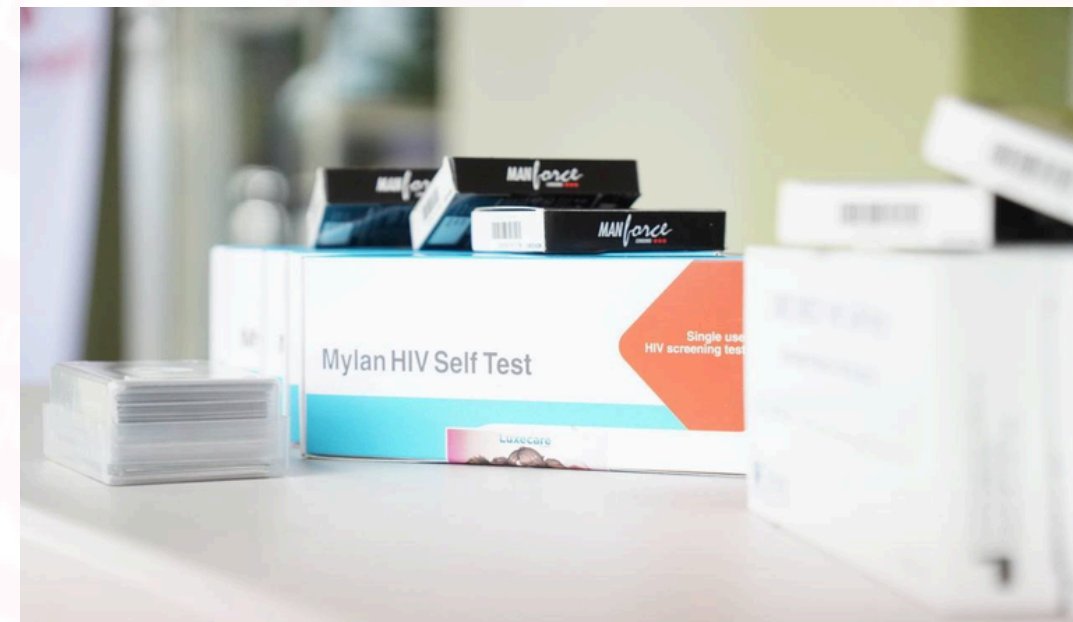
Know your status: UM promotes HIV awareness on Valentine's Day



Center for Health Services is redefining the traditional notion of love and care by hosting a groundbreaking event that combines romance with a vital reality check.

In partnership with Jeffery Community by Love Yourself Inc., UM is launching "Know Your Status: Free HIV Testing and Counseling" –a two-day initiative that offers free HIV testing, counseling, and education to the university community from February 13-14, 2025 at UM Matina Clinic.

The event aims to promote HIV awareness and education, encouraging UMians and faculty members to prioritize their health and well-being.



266 individuals voluntarily availed the HIV Testing and Counseling.



Breaking the stigma: CASE-CSG, UMPFO host HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention initiative



College Student Government (CASE-CSG), in collaboration with the University of Mindanao Peer Facilitators Organization (UMPFO) and the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP), successfully conducted an HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention, along with free and confidential HIV screening, at the UM Matina Campus, AVR 4, LIC, on February 10, 2025.

Aimed at educating UMians and faculty on the importance of prevention and early detection, the event featured loop discussions led by HIV/AIDS advocates, equipping attendees with knowledge on transmission, prevention strategies, and available support services while emphasizing the role of education in fostering a more inclusive and understanding society.



Dennis John T. Barimbao, LPT, the resource speaker, highlighted the significance of youth involvement in championing advocacy and engagement for Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in preventing unintended early pregnancies and raising awareness about sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Themed "HIV ENDS WITH US: Unite for HIV Awareness and Prevention," the event supports the university's goal of holistic student development and social responsibility by combating HIV/AIDS misinformation and fostering a more informed and compassionate campus community.