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## INVESTIGATION OF LOCAL DENTAL CLINIC CONTINUES **Testing Available Saturday**

MEMPHIS – To accommodate patient's schedules and meet the demand of the community, the Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) will open the Cawthon Public Health Clinic, 1000 Haynes Street, on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Former patients of SPT Dental Clinic located at 2682 Lamar Avenue in Memphis are strongly recommended to receive tests free of charge for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV.

Shelby County residents can make an appointment by calling the SCHD Investigation Hotline at (901) 222-9299. Individuals who reside outside Shelby County should contact their health care provider or local health department to arrange testing. Appointments are available Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in addition to the special Saturday, Aug. 13, clinic hours.

The investigation, triggered by a patient complaint to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry, identified breaches in infection control which may have put patients at risk for Hepatitis B virus, Hepatitis C virus and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). *To date, no specific infections have been linked to SPT Dental Clinic.*

It is the responsibility of the local health department to assure the health of the public. After careful review of clinic conditions and records, SCHD ordered the closure of Dr. Alfred Brown's SPT Dental Clinic on Friday, July 1, 2016. Individuals who received services from SPT Dental Clinic are strongly recommended to receive tests for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV.

Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV are serious medical conditions. People who are infected may not exhibit any symptoms of the disease for many years. It is possible patients might have been infected and not know it. Even though patients who may not have been exposed may not feel ill or remember getting sick, they should be tested.

Mission

*To promote, protect and improve the health and environment of all Shelby County residents.*

**814 Jefferson Avenue ♦ Memphis, Tennessee 38105**



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## SPT Dental Clinic Investigation

SCHD has closed SPT Dental Clinic located at 2682 Lamar Avenue.  
**ALL former patients are strongly recommended to receive tests for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV.**

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Shelby County residents will receive testing FREE of charge  
at the following clinic:

Cawthon Public Health Clinic  
1000 Haynes Street  
Memphis, TN 38104

Please call the investigation hotline to make an appointment.

EXTENDED HOURS 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 13

Cawthon Clinic, 1000 Haynes Street

WALK-INS WELCOME!

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Monday-Friday, 8:00 am—4:30 pm

**VISIT:** [www.schdresponse.com](http://www.schdresponse.com)