



## **Free hepatitis B screening event in San Francisco**

### **Summary:**

The Asian Liver Center at Stanford University will host a large-scale free hepatitis B screening for the general public. For questions/comments about the upcoming screening event, please contact the Asian Liver Center at 650-724-2923

### **More Information:**

The screening will take place in conjunction with the Asian Heritage Street Celebration. Over 500 people are expected to be screened in 5 hours. Hepatitis B is a disease caused by infection with the hepatitis B virus (HBV). Infection with HBV can lead to liver failure and liver cancer. 80% of liver cancer worldwide is caused by chronic HBV infection.

The Asian Liver Center is the only non-profit organization in the United States dedicated to addressing the high incidence of hepatitis B and liver cancer in Asians and Asian-Americans. This upcoming screening event is one of many events hosted by the center in increasing hepatitis B awareness among the public. The Asian Liver Center will provide a simple blood test to determine if the individual has chronic hepatitis B and if the individual is already protected from hepatitis B. Currently, the blood test is market valued at \$198.00. "We always find about 10-12 percent of people who we screen have chronic hepatitis B," stated Dr. Samuel So, founder and director of the Asian Liver Center, "As this test will be free at the event, this opportunity will be the best way to protect you and your loved ones against this disease".