city of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Health and Human Services
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: November 3, 2025
Re: Agreement with several local county public health departments for an Expanded HIV Testing Program.
Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement and Business Associates Agreement between the City of Columbia and the following local public health departments: Johnson County Community Health Services, Chariton County Health Services, Audrain County Health Department, Putnam County Health Department, Gasconade County Health Department, and Pettis County Health Center allowing for collaboration on an Expanded HIV testing program. This agreement shall be in effect until May 31st 2026 and may be renewed for two successive terms of one year.

Discussion

The Expanded HIV Testing Program supports healthcare entities in implementing routine opt-out HIV testing. By integrating HIV testing into standard medical care, the program works to make HIV screening a normal part of healthcare delivery. This program strives to provide early diagnosis and timely connection to treatment to improve health outcomes while preventing further HIV transmission within the community.

PHHS offers the Expanded HIV Testing Program within the 37 county Central Missouri Region as part of PHHS' High Impact HIV Prevention and Surveillance Programs agreement with Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (Council Bill No. B21-25). The rapid HIV test kits, technical assistance, staff training, and linkage to care will be provided by Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) staff. Any associated costs are covered by the High Impact HIV Prevention and Surveillance agreement with Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

The proposed agreements and Business Associate Agreements are between the City and following local public health agencies: Johnson County Community Health Services, Chariton County Health Services, Audrain County Health Department, Putnam County Health Department, Gasconade County Health Department, and Pettis County Health Center. Staff plan to continue forming these partnerships with local public health agencies and clinics. Similar proposed agreements may come at a later date.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No fiscal impact
Long-Term Impact: No fiscal impact

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable
Comprehensive Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
05/19/25	Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for high impact HIV prevention and surveillance program services. B85-25
02/17/25	Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for high impact HIV prevention and surveillance program services. B21-25

Suggested Council Action

Should City Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is on order.