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Senator Keaveny Encourages Veterans To Get Free Tests

JEFFERSON CITY— Missouri Sen. Joe Keaveny (D-St. Louis) wants veterans in the St. Louis area who may have been exposed to dangerous diseases at the St. Louis Veteran’s Administration (VA) hospital to know their options and get tested.

The hospital made national headlines when it sent letters to thousands of veterans who had visited the hospital indicating that they may have been exposed to HIV or hepatitis infections when dental equipment was not sterilized properly.

“It’s very sad to think this could ever happen to the brave people who serve this country,” said Sen. Keaveny. “There are many veterans in the St. Louis area who use this hospital, and we should all be very clear on what they should do now that this issue has come to light.”

The VA hospital has sent out a statement that veterans may get free blood tests with no co-payment at the three outpatient clinics – the Jefferson Barracks Division (1 Jefferson Barrack Dr.), the Belleville, Ill., clinic (6500 W. Main St.), or the St. Charles, Mo., clinic (7 Jackson Ct.). Veterans are urged to call the 24-hour hotline at 1-888-374-3046 with any questions or to schedule an appointment

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