Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic Reopens in NYC

Expanded services at the remodeled facility are part of the mayor's Ending the Epidemic plan.

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After a three-year renovation, the Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic in Manhattan reopened this week at 303 Ninth Avenue, according to a New York City press release.

The revamped clinic offers an expanded array of services, including HIV prevention medications such as pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP) and the initiation of HIV treatment for those who live with the virus. The clinic also offers quick start contraception.

In the near future, clients will be able to stop in for express testing for HIV, chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis without seeing a doctor. The city's website states that clients can receive services even if they don't have health insurance or can't pay the sliding scale fee. The clinic operates on a first-come, first-served basis, and parental consent is not needed.

> Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic is open!????The newly revamped clinic will provide expanded sexual health care to NYC. https://t.co/xTckcvrRB4
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"The reopening of the Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic is yet another monumental moment in our effort to eliminate the HIV epidemic and revolutionize the conversation about sexual health in our city," said health commissioner Mary T. Bassett, MD, MPH.

"The newly revamped Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic returns to its role as a safe space for all New Yorkers to receive the judgment-free sexual health services they deserve. I thank Mayor de Blasio and our partners at DDC [Department of Design and Construction] for their dedication to reopening this historic and vital space. Together with our community partners, this City will lead

the country in ensuring every person has the resources they need to live happy and healthy sex lives."

The $26.3 million revamp is part of Mayor Bill De Blasio's Ending the Epidemic plan that aims to halt the HIV epidemic in New York City by 2020.

"While the President and Congress are hard at work to undercut the decades of progress we've made to revolutionize sexual health care in our City, the reopening of the Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic reaffirms our City's commitment to pushing forward," said City Council member Mark Levine, chair of the Health Committee, in the press release.

"For decades, this clinic has stood as a symbol of our fight against HIV and to increase access to quality care for all—it reopens to continue that incredible tradition as a state-of-the-art facility and as a model for sexual health centers across the country."

To get the word out about the clinic reopening, the health department launched a "We've Got You Covered" social media campaign—including dating apps—that features the cheeky headline "Been a while since you came?" over a popped bottle of champagne.

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