NYC Making Free Blood Tests In Drive On Venereal Disease

NEW YORK — New York City's Health Department Saturday readied mobile units to station on street corners, beginning Monday, to give free blood tests for venereal disease.

Although the city's number of reported cases of syphilis have been reduced by more than two-thirds since 1946, Health Commissioner John F. Mahoney said "many diseased persons remain untreated."

He said the street-corner tests, aimed at finding unreported cases, will continue two months. Leaflets and amplifiers at the street corners will sound the dangers of non-treatment.

John Friend Mahoney (1889-1957)