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## **DuPage County Health Department recognizes World AIDS Day 2006 on Dec. 1 with free testing**

The DuPage County Health Department will be recognizing World AIDS Day 2006 by offering free HIV testing either by appointment or walk-in basis on Dec. 1. Call (630) 682-7979, ext. 7310 for information.

The health department is also inviting residents to pick up free HIV/AIDS information in the health department lobby on Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The health department is located at 111 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.

HIV is the most deadly infectious disease among adults worldwide and is the fourth leading cause of death.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimates that one out of three persons infected with HIV is unaware of the disease and are unknowingly spreading the disease to others. The international theme for World AIDS Day is accountability and the slogan is “Stop AIDS: Keep the Promise.”

More than 25 million people have died of AIDS-related causes since 1981 and 40 million people are currently living with HIV.

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