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Know Your Status this National HIV Testing Day

DuPage County – There is only one way to know your HIV status, get tested. The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is offering free rapid HIV tests on National HIV Testing Day, Monday, June 27.

This year’s theme for National HIV Testing Day is “HIV Testing is Self-Care.” The World Health Organization (WHO) defines self-care as “the ability of individuals, families and communities to promote health, prevent disease, maintain health, and to cope with illness and disability with or without the support of a healthcare provider.” HIV testing is part of self-care, knowing your status helps keep you and partners healthy.

DCHD staff will complete free rapid HIV testing via finger stick. Test results are given at the time of testing and are accurate up to 90 days after possible exposure to the virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “An estimated 1.2 million people in the United States have HIV, including about 161,800 people who are unaware of their status. Nearly 40% of new HIV infections are transmitted by people who don’t know they have the virus. For people with undiagnosed HIV, testing is the first step in maintaining a healthy life and preventing HIV transmission.”

CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once a year as part of routine health care, and more often if you partake in activities that might increase your risk for getting HIV.

Free rapid HIV tests are available on June 27th to anyone age 12 and up at the DuPage County Health Department Central Office located at, 111 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton and at the Southeast office, located at 422 N. Cass Avenue, Westmont from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please call (630) 682-7400 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

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