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Learn Your HIV Status on World AIDS Day, December 1

DUPAGE COUNTY—The DuPage County Health Department is encouraging individuals to know their human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) status by getting tested on World AIDS Day, Friday, Dec. 1. Early knowledge of HIV status provides access to life-extending treatment options.

The theme for World AIDS Day 2017 is *Increasing Impact through Transparency, Accountability, and Partnerships*. Learn what you can do to address HIV prevention, treatment, care, and research by visiting HIV.gov.

World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away—there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.

DuPage County residents may be tested for HIV through a number of options including doctors' offices, home-test kits, and at the Health Department's Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic, which provides screening, counseling and referrals.

For information about HIV testing in DuPage County, contact the Health Department at (630) 682-7400.

AIDS has killed millions of people worldwide and millions more live with HIV, making it one of the most destructive epidemics in recorded history. An estimated 36.7 million people are living with HIV/AIDS worldwide. Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the condition.

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