

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: June 21, 2018

End Date: June 27, 2018

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RE: National HIV Testing Day

In recognition of National HIV Testing Day on June 27th, the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) is joining Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Act Against AIDS Initiative and encouraging everyone to take the #DoingItMyWay pledge to get tested for HIV in 2018. On June 27th, GCHD will be increasing access to free HIV testing by offering testing at our Burton Branch, in addition to our STD Clinic in the McCree Courts and Human Services Center. Prize incentives for getting an HIV test, free condoms, and other STD testing will be available at both sites.

In 2016, there were a total of 523 individuals living with HIV in Genesee County. With 1 in 7 people living with HIV being unaware that they have it, undiagnosed infection remains an important factor fueling the spread of HIV. Testing is the only way to end it. The CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care. For those with specific risk factors, CDC recommends getting tested at least once a year.

In addition to free HIV testing, GCHD's Wear One condom campaign aims to decrease HIV and other STD rates by removing barriers to condom access, such as cost, embarrassment and lack of access. Since Wear One's launch in December, 2017, GCHD has distributed over 40,000 condoms, 13,000 lubricants, and 20,000 educational materials to the public. This has been possible through the help of over 18 participating businesses and organizations who are assisting by dispersing the Wear

One packages to their patrons. To see a list of participating partners, visit <https://gchd.us/get-help/hiv-std-testing>. If you are a local business or organization in Genesee County that would like to participate or have questions, please contact Kate Stevens at 810-257-3194.

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JUNE 27

Testing Available:
8AM-11AM
1PM-4PM

NATIONAL

HIV TESTING DAY

ATTENTION GENESEE COUNTY!

In recognition of National HIV Testing Day on June 27th, the Genesee County Health Department is offering additional opportunities and incentives to get tested.

- Free HIV testing and condoms will be available.
- Everyone being tested will have an opportunity to enter a drawing to win a gift card.
- Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Trichomoniasis, and pregnancy testing will also be made available.

**FREE HIV
TESTING**

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