



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KILL DATE: (June 27, 2010)

**Why Worry? Why Wait? Take the Test – Make a Date!
HIV Testing Days, June 23, 24 & 26, 2010**

HOWELL, Michigan. – **June 11, 2010** (Livingston County Department of Public Health)

National HIV Testing Day is recognized annually on June 27th to encourage routine HIV testing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 250,000 of the one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States are unaware of their status. The number of people in Michigan currently estimated to be living with HIV or AIDS is 18,080. This number in Livingston County residents living with HIV or AIDS is estimated to be 60.

Take the test. It's better to know. You can use the information to protect yourself and those you love. To maximize testing opportunities in Livingston County, three agencies have scheduled testing on June 23, June 24 and June 26 for **free HIV testing**.

Livingston County Department of Public Health will be offering **free oral HIV testing** on Wednesday June 23rd from 2 PM to 6:30 PM **by appointment** and Thursday, June 24th from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM **either on a walk-in basis or by appointment** at the Health Department, 2300 East Grand River (near Chilson Road), Howell. Testing is anonymous or confidential. Call 517-552-6882 to make an appointment or for more information. A return appointment is needed for results.

Pregnancy Help Clinic will offer **free oral HIV testing** on Wednesday, June 23rd from 10 AM to 5 PM **by appointment**. Call Chris at 810-494-5433 to make an appointment or for more information. Testing is confidential. The clinic is located at 7743 West Grand River, Brighton. A return appointment is needed for results.

On Saturday, June 26th Planned Parenthood will offer **free testing using a blood draw** on a **walk-in basis** at 7900 West Grand River, Brighton from 10am - 2pm. For more information, call 810-220-4513. Testing is confidential. A return appointment is needed for results.

CONTACT:

Rebecca Cook, Communicable Disease Supervisor
(517) 552-6808 rcook@co.livingston.mi.us

Jennifer Lavelle, Health Education Supervisor
(517) 552-6845 jlavelle@co.livingston.mi.us

www.lchd.org

###