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December 1st is World AIDS Day

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Encourages Everyone to Get Tested

Champaign, IL – Annually, December 1st is observed as World AIDS Day in an effort to raise awareness of the global impact of HIV/AIDS. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it is estimated that more than one million people are living with HIV in the United States and 33.4 million worldwide. More than 18,000 people with AIDS die each year in the U.S.

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) encourages people to get tested and know their status. The CDC estimates that of the one million people living in the United States with HIV, one in five is unaware of their infection. According to Candi Crause, Director of Infectious Disease Prevention and Management, “HIV is 100% preventable. The key to overcoming this epidemic is to not only educate people on the facts of HIV/AIDS but to open the lines of communication. HIV spreads through silence and lack of knowledge.”

CUPHD provides case management services for nearly 300 HIV-positive clients in 11 counties in Illinois. Services include medical and dental assistance, nutritional assistance, utility and housing assistance, legal assistance, mental health assistance, and support group assistance.

CUPHD’s Infectious Disease division offers HIV education, prevention, testing, and treatment at the 201 West Kenyon Road facility in Champaign. Testing is available Monday thru Friday by appointment, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and during clinic hours on Mondays from 4:00 – 5:30 PM (men only), Tuesdays from 1:00 – 5:00 PM, and Thursdays from 9:00 – 11:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

For more information on HIV/AIDS or to schedule a test, call (217) 239-7827 or visit www.c-uphd.org.

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