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**DCHHS commemorates World AIDS Day with free HIV testing**

Dallas County Health and Human Services officials announced yesterday that free HIV testing will be offered in observance of World AIDS Day.

World AIDS Day is tomorrow.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 1.2 million people are living with HIV in the United States. According to the CDC, 1 in 5 doesn't know they're infected.

“We know that HIV continues to be an issue in our community, especially among the younger age groups,” DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson said. “DCHHS has to continue to identify those individuals who are unaware of their status in order to get them the care they need and prevent further spread of HIV.”

Close to 14,000 people in Dallas County live with HIV, according to 2010 data. About 908 new cases of HIV/AIDS were diagnosed last year in Dallas County.

Free Rapid HIV testing will be offered from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Early Intervention clinic on the third floor of the DCHHS building, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, in Dallas.

Testing for HIV, syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea will also be offered for free from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside DCHHS' mobile medical clinic. The unit will be stationed at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road in Dallas.

Free HIV and syphilis testing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the University of North Texas, 1155 Union Circle in Denton. Testing locations on campus include the student wellness center, Kerr Hall, the student union and Discovery Park.

On Sunday, the mobile medical unit will be stationed at Big T Bazaar, 4515 Village Fair Drive in Dallas. Free testing will also be offered then from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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