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Southeastern District Health Department To Observe National HIV Testing Day

Day Encourages People To Take The Test And Take Control

Pocatello – The Southeastern District Health Department (SDHD) will mark this year's *National HIV Testing Day*, Saturday, June 27th, by continuing to encourage residents of southeast Idaho to know their HIV status. SDHD will be having a **FREE** walk-in clinic and rapid testing (same day results) on June 27th from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at SDHD Pocatello office located at 1901 Alvin Ricken Drive. If you have ever had unprotected sex or shared needles, then you should consider getting a confidential HIV test.

National HIV Testing Day is a national campaign held each June 27th and is coordinated by the [National Association of People with AIDS](http://www.napwa.org) (NAPWA-US). This annual campaign helps reach millions of Americans at risk for HIV with the message that "It's better to know." The importance of this day is underscored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recent estimate that about 250,000 of the 1.2 million people living with HIV are unaware of their HIV infection. The decision to take the test is the first step in taking responsibility for your health and the health of others with whom you may be intimately involved.

For more information about HIV and *National HIV Testing Day*, contact Lisa Mayerhofer at the Southeastern District Health Department at 239-5213. More information can also be found at <http://www.napwa.org/hivtestinfo/> or SDHD's HIV webpage located at http://www.sdhdidaho.org/Services_Provided/fchs/HIV/hiv_aids.htm

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