Central Michigan District Health Department

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

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National HIV Testing Day

The Central Michigan District Health Department offers **FREE HIV and STD testing** (Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and Hepatitis C) **every Tuesday and Wednesday** at the Isabella County branch office.

Isabella County
2012 E. Preston Ave.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
9 am- 12 noon 1 pm- 3 pm

National HIV Testing Day is an annual event recognized each June 27th meant to raise awareness of the importance of knowing one's HIV status and encouraging at-risk individuals to receive an HIV test. **An estimated 1.1 million people in the United States have HIV, including about 162,500 (14%, or 1 in 7) people who do not know they have it. There is typically about 38,000 new HIV infections each year in the United States.** Getting tested is the first step to finding out your status. If you have HIV, getting medical care and taking medications as prescribed helps you to live a long, healthy life while lowering the chances of passing it on to others.

Please take advantage of this free program to know your status! All testing is confidential. if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, **please call (989) 773-5921 ext. 1409**. Walk-ins are welcomed upon staff availability during the designated testing times.

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