



JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

dedicated to the prevention of disease and promotion of wellness for our community.

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JUNE 27TH IS NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

(OLATHE, KS – JUNE 26, 2009) National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) began in 1995. Every year, on June 27th, local organizations across the nation engage with communities to promote early diagnosis and HIV-testing.

Because anyone can get HIV, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 be tested as a routine part of their medical care. CDC estimates that 250,000 of the one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States are unaware of their status. Finding out whether you are infected with HIV is the first step to improving your health and the health of your partners and your family.

“Early HIV diagnosis is critical,” states Lougene Marsh, Director of the Johnson County Health Department, “so people who are infected can fully benefit from available live-saving treatments.”

Johnson County Health Department offers HIV testing Monday through Thursday from 8am – 3:30pm and Friday from 8am -12noon on a walk in basis, no appointment needed. Locations are:

11875 S. Sunset, Olathe 66061
6000 Lamar, Mission 66202

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