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ARE YOU HIV POSITIVE? GET TESTED! WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 IS NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY *County Health and Human Services Agency Urges Vigilance of HIV Status*

Know your HIV status and get tested! Those are messages that the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) hope make an impression on County residents on National HIV Testing Day, Wednesday, June 27.

“The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that nearly 280,000 people in the United States have HIV and don’t know it,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. “Advances in drug treatment have made it possible for many to avoid full-blown AIDS. National HIV Testing Day is an important reminder to get tested, and to avoid high-risk behaviors such as having unprotected sex.”

Locally, there are about 400 new cases of HIV every year in San Diego County. Officials report that HIV is a growing problem as people become less fearful of the consequences of contracting full-blown AIDS. Prevention in the form of knowing your HIV status is key. There are two County testing sites and numerous other sites throughout the region providing HIV testing. Anyone who has unprotected sex is at risk for HIV.

The County offers testing at the following locations:

- HIV/AIDS Clinic, County Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans St., San Diego
- Central Region Public Health Center, 5202 University Ave., San Diego

For information on HIV/AIDS and testing, call (619) 296-2120.

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