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Take the test. Take Control.

June 27th is National HIV Testing Awareness Day

EAU CLAIRE, Wis.-June 27th, 2016—An estimated 1.2 million people in the U.S. have HIV. That number grows by almost 50,000 every year. It is estimated that one in eight people who have HIV don't know it. These people are not getting the medical care they need to stay healthy and to avoid passing HIV to others. In 2015, 6,868 Wisconsin residents reported having HIV or AIDS. National HIV Testing Day is a reminder to get the facts, get tested, and get involved to take care of yourself and your partners.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care. People with certain risk factors should get tested more often. According to Janel Hebert, Public Health Nurse, "People with more than one sex partner, people with sexually transmitted infections, and people who inject drugs are at high risk and should get tested at least once a year."



Being diagnosed and seeing a medical provider early is important if you have HIV. HIV medicine can keep people with HIV healthy for many years and greatly reduce the chance of giving HIV to their partners.

Get Yourself Tested (GYT) event

June 27th 5-8pm

ARCW: 505 S Dewey St. #107, Eau Claire, WI 54701

For questions call: (715) 836-7710 #324

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) and Eau Claire City-County Health Department are hosting the event. For those at risk for Chlamydia, Hepatitis C and/or HIV, testing is offered at no charge to you.

The [Eau Claire City-County Health Department Family Planning Clinic](#) offers:

- HIV testing
- sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment
- a variety of birth control options
- pregnancy testing
- education

All services are confidential. For more information, visit www.ehealthdepartment.org or call 715-839-6988.

To learn more about National HIV Testing Day, visit <https://npin.cdc.gov/nhtd/>.

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