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Let's Stop HIV Together

December 1st is World AIDS Day

Eau Claire, WI, December 1st, 2017- Today we have strong tools in preventing and treating HIV. Research has shown that we can treat HIV so that those living with HIV do not transmit it to their partners! Prevention is key to keep it from spreading to others.

It is important to get tested for HIV. Testing is the only way to know if you have HIV. The **Center of Disease Control (CDC)** says that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 should be tested for HIV at least once. One should be tested more often if you are at higher risk for HIV. People at higher risk are **men who have sex with men (MSM)**, injection drug users, or people with multiple sex partners. About 1 in 7 people living with HIV don't know they have the virus and can pass it on to others without knowing it.

The Eau Claire City County Health Department and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) are hosting an HIV testing event on World AIDS day.

When: Friday, December 1st, Starting at 9pm

Where: Scooters, 411 Galloway St, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Testing at no cost to you will be offered to people that; have never been tested, people with a history of injection drug use, men who have sex with men, and anyone who has had unprotected sex with multiple partners.

So let's stop HIV Together:

- Get tested for HIV.
- Talk with your doctor about your risks.
- Talk with family, friends, and colleagues, about HIV prevention.
- Support people who are living with HIV.
- Volunteer at your local AIDS Resource Center.
- Ask community leaders to continue to address the HIV epidemic.



For more information about HIV prevention, testing, treatment, research, visit <https://www.aids.gov/>.

For questions about the local World AIDS Day testing event on Dec. 1st, call the ARCW at (715) 836-7710 #3210.

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