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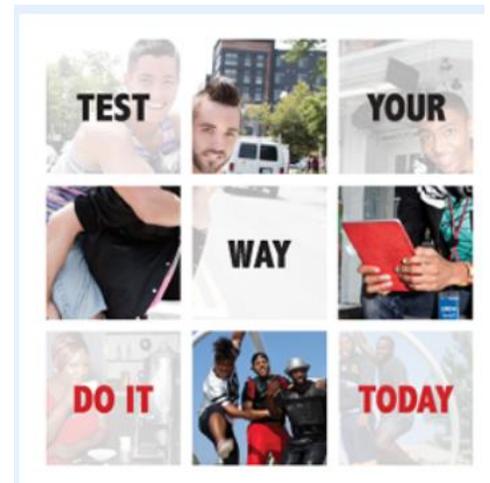
Test your way. Do it today!

June 27th is National HIV Testing Awareness Day

EAU CLAIRE, Wis.-June 27th, 2018– Each year on June 27th, we observe National HIV Testing Day. On this day, we unite to raise awareness about the importance of HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV. We want to encourage HIV testing to ensure people get tested, know their status, and get linked to care and treatment services.

An estimated 1.1 million people in the U.S. have HIV, and 1 in 7 of them doesn't know it. In 2016, 6,923 Wisconsin residents reported having HIV or AIDS. 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.

“It is our role-- as an individual, as a community, and a health care provider-- to create a safe space that helps people feel comfortable talking about and getting tested for HIV,” says Janel Hebert, Public Health Nurse.



HIV Testing Event

Date: Wed. June 27th, starting at 9pm

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

The Health Department is partnering with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) to hosting an HIV testing event on National HIV Testing Awareness Day. **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 will be offered testing at no cost to them.*

We also offer HIV testing at our Family Planning Clinic. To learn more about all services we offer, visit bit.ly/FamilyPlanningClinic or call 715-839-6988. All services are confidential.

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