



Central Michigan District Health Department

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities



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CMDHD is Promoting National HIV Testing Day on Thursday, June 27

We are offering free HIV testing at our Mt. Pleasant office on June 27th, by appointment only.

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is promoting National HIV Testing Day by offering free rapid HIV testing at our Mt. Pleasant office on Thursday, June 27. Testing is by appointment only, confidential, and results will be available within 20 minutes. Call our Community Health office at 989-773-5921 ext. 1409 to make your appointment at our Mt. Pleasant location (2012 E. Preston). [HIV self-test kits](#) are available for home delivery if you are unable to visit us in person. Please take advantage of this free program to know your status!

“Getting tested and knowing your status is the first step to protecting your health,” said Jaclyn Badger, CMDHD Community Health Director. “If you have HIV, getting medical care and taking medications as prescribed helps improve your quality and length of life, while lowering your chances of passing it on to others.”

In addition, CMDHD offers free STI testing for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and hepatitis C every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at our Mt. Pleasant office. Appointments are suggested, though we do take walk-in clients as time allows between 9:00-11:30am and 1:00-3:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Learn more about our STI testing program at <https://www.cmdhd.org/testing>.

CMDHD also offers Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program treatment for those who qualify. This program helps qualified clients receive medical care, medications, and essential support services to help the client stay in care. Learn more at <https://www.cmdhd.org/hivtreatment>.

National HIV Testing Day is an annual event to raise awareness of the importance of knowing one’s HIV status and encourage at-risk individuals to receive an HIV test. In the United States, over 36,000 new HIV infections occur each year; about 13% are unaware of their infection and need testing, according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

Please visit us online at www.cmdhd.org.

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