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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **JUNE 27 IS NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY**

*Eastern Idaho Public Health District Offering FREE Rapid HIV Tests*

EASTERN IDAHO – In recognition of National HIV Testing Day, Eastern Idaho Public Health District (EIPHD) will be offering free HIV tests to encourage residents of eastern Idaho to know their HIV status. If you have ever had unprotected sex or shared needles, you could have been exposed to HIV. There's only one way to know – **GET TESTED!** The free tests will be offered during the week of June 21-25, and are available by appointment only in all EIPHD offices.

<u>EIPHD Office</u>	<u>For Appointment, Call:</u>	<u>Free Testing Available</u>
Bonneville County	525-7245	Friday, June 25
Clark County	374-5216 or 745-7297	Wednesday, June 23
Custer County	879-2504	Tuesday, June 22
Fremont County	624-7585	Wednesday, June 23
Jefferson County		
Rigby	745-7297	Friday, June 25
Mud Lake	663-4860 or 745-7297	Thursday, June 24
Lemhi County	756-2123	Thursday, June 24
Madison County	356-3239	Tuesday, June 29
Teton County	354-2220	Monday, June 21

June 27 of each year is designated as National HIV Testing Day. This national campaign is coordinated by the National Association of People with AIDS. The campaign helps reach millions of Americans at risk for HIV with the message to "Take the Test, Take Control." The importance of this day is underscored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recent estimate that over 1 million people in the United States are living with HIV, with 21% undiagnosed (CDC 2006). The decision to take the test is the first step in taking responsibility for your health and the health of others with whom you may be intimately involved.

For more information about HIV and *National HIV Testing Day*, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/> or <http://www.napwa.org/hivtestinfo/>. More information is also available at EIPHD's website at [www.idaho.gov/phd7](http://www.idaho.gov/phd7).

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