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**EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT TO OFFER FREE HIV TESTING
IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY**

EASTERN IDAHO—June 27 is National HIV Testing Day and in recognition of this annual event, Eastern Idaho Public Health District (EIPHD) as partnered with Breaking Boundaries, Community Family Clinic (CFC), and Upper Valley Community Health Services (UVCHS) to offer **FREE** confidential Rapid HIV tests to anyone interested. Appointments for the free tests can be made at any of EIPHD's offices.

Date	FREE HIV Testing Location	Call for Appointment
June 24	CFC, 2088 East 25 th Street, Idaho Falls	525-7245
June 27	EIPHD, 1250 Hollipark, Idaho Falls	525-7245
June 27	EIPHD, 801 Monroe, Salmon	756-2123
June 27	EIPHD, 820 Valley Centre Drive, Driggs	354-2220
June 28	CFC, 651 N. 2858 E., Roberts	525-7245
June 28	EIPHD, 1050 N. Clinic Road, Suite A, Challis	879-2504
June 29	UVCHS, 20 N. 3 rd E, St. Anthony	624-7585
June 29	EIPHD, 332 W. Main, Dubois	374-5216 or 745-7297
June 30	EIPHD, 314 North 3 rd East, St. Anthony	624-7585
June 30	EIPHD, 380 Community Lane, Rigby	745-7297
June 30	EIPHD, 1078 E. 1500 N., Terreton	663-4860 or 745-7297
July 1	EIPHD, 380 Community Lane, Rigby	745-7297

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 180,000 to 280,000 people nationwide are HIV-positive but are unaware of their status. While it is a challenge to identify or reach these individuals with appropriate testing and counseling services, National HIV Testing Day is one approach to increase awareness of HIV risks and the availability of confidential testing services. HIV counseling and testing enables people with HIV to take steps to protect their own health and that of their partners, and helps people who test negative get the information they need to stay uninfected.

It is well known that early diagnosis of HIV can improve an individual's long term prognosis and reduce the spread of HIV. The longer an HIV infection remains undiagnosed, the more likely an AIDS diagnosis will follow within a shorter time frame. While Idaho remains a low prevalence state, it is important that individuals at risk get tested. Risk factors include sharing needles or having unprotected sex.

Call for your FREE, confidential HIV Testing appointment today!

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