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SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FREE DIABETES SCREENING ON DIABETES ALERT DAY, MARCH 23

The Sedgwick County Health Department will provide free diabetes screening and awareness on national diabetes alert day - Tuesday, March 23.

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) sponsors diabetes alert day, which is an annual, one-day call-to-action, held on the fourth Tuesday of March for people to find out if they are at risk for diabetes. The Sedgwick County Health Department, the local ADA, and many other Partners are participating in the Wichita/Sedgwick County Diabetes Detection Initiative (DDI), a pilot program established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to find the undiagnosed.

The following Sedgwick County Health Department locations will provide free diabetes screening on March 23, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m:

- **Main Health Department, 1900 E. 9th St. (660-7300)**
- **Evergreen Health Station, 2700 N. Woodland (660-7440)**
- **Colvin/Planeview Health Station, 2820 S. Roosevelt (660-7415)**

In November of 2003, HHS launched the DDI. The Wichita/Sedgwick County DDI is 1 of 10 pilot communities nationwide to participate in this important initiative to address this growing public health challenge. The Wichita/Sedgwick County DDI program will continue through May 2004. The primary target audience for the DDI is focused on 13 area zip codes: 67202, 67203, 67204, 67207, 67208, 67211, 67213, 67214, 67216, 67217, 67218, 67219, and 67220. The extraordinary collaboration among local, state, and federal agencies/organizations involved in the DDI demonstrates the strong commitment to a healthy community.

About 5.2 million of the total 18.2 million persons with diabetes in the United States have undiagnosed or unrecognized diabetes. Almost all of those with unrecognized diabetes have Type 2 diabetes and may not have symptoms or be aware of them even though the disease is present.

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