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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Sedgwick County Health Department Recognizes National HIV Testing Day: June 27**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department will recognize National HIV Testing Day by providing free rapid results tests for HIV/AIDS at 1900 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street on Friday, June 27, 2008. Free rapid tests will be available from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at this site. Results will be available within ten minutes. Free tests will also be available at the 2716 W Central Health Department location; however these tests will not be rapid results tests.

National HIV Testing Day is part of an annual campaign produced by the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA-US) to encourage at-risk individuals to receive voluntary HIV counseling and testing. 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.

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In Sedgwick County, there are 658 people living with HIV/Aids (according to 2007 data). The groups with the greatest increases in new cases are African Americans, Hispanics and women. Sedgwick County also accounts for 25-30% of all Kansas HIV/AIDS cases.

By simply getting tested and being aware of how to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS, you have the power to lessen the spread and affects of this disease. Additionally, early detection can provide a person with better treatment options—prolonging their quality of life.

Testing, counseling and prevention tools are available daily at the Sedgwick County Health Department. Information is available on the Sedgwick County Web site at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org). Call the Sedgwick County Health Department at 660-7300 for more information.

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