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Sedgwick County Health Department Recognizes National HIV Testing Day: June 26

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department will recognize National HIV Testing Day by providing free, confidential, rapid-results tests for HIV/AIDS at the Colvin Recreation Center, 2820 South Roosevelt on Friday, June 26, 2009. Free rapid tests will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at this site. Results will be available within twenty minutes. Free tests will also be available at the 2716 W Central Health Department location; however these tests will not be rapid results tests. Call the Health Department at 316-660-7300 with questions.

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 CDC estimates that in 2006 there were 1,106,400 persons in the United States living with HIV infection. 232,344 of these cases were undiagnosed.

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In Sedgwick County, there are 696 people living with HIV/AIDS (according to 2008 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, 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. Call the Sedgwick County Health Department at 660-7300 for more information.

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