



WORLD AIDS DAY

November 30, 2022 – December 1, 2022 marks the 30th anniversary of World AIDS Day. District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) joins others across the globe to show support for those living with HIV and to remember those who have died from the infection.

Although antiretroviral therapy has transformed HIV from a nearly always fatal infection into a manageable chronic condition, HIV remains a global health threat. According to the United Nations - AIDS (UNAIDS.org), in 2021, worldwide approximately 38.4 million people were living with HIV, an estimated 650,000 people died from AIDS-related illnesses, and about 1.5 million people were newly infected with HIV.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 1 in 7 people in the United States who have HIV don't know they have it, which is why testing is so important. CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care. Individuals at high risk should get tested at least once a year. To see if you are at risk, please visit https://hivrisk.cdc.gov/.

DHD#10 provides free, rapid HIV testing, as well as at-home HIV testing kits. Testing is available year-round and services are confidential, LGBTQ friendly, and no one will ever be denied service due to inability to pay. To schedule your HIV test, call 888-217-3904, option #2 to make an appointment at your local DHD#10 office. To order your at-home HIV testing kit, visit https://www.dhd10.org/hivtest/.

Visit DHD#10's Sexual Health Website for more information: https://www.dhd10.org/sexualhealth/.

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