
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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**Several Free Testing Opportunities in Honor of
National HIV Testing Day**

GRAND RAPIDS – In the same amount of time it takes to grab lunch, you can learn your HIV status. Thursday, June 27, 2013 marks the 9th annual National HIV Testing Day. The Kent County Health Department is making it easy for everyone to know their status: a quick, painless finger poke test can yield preliminary results in about 20 minutes. Our Personal Health Services staff members are certified counselors who are friendly, non-judgmental and happy to answer all your questions.

This year, the Kent County Health Department is offering four opportunities to get tested, without an appointment, free and confidentially. When you get tested at one of these events, you will receive a gift card* for your time, education about HIV and prevention, and steps you can take to protect those you love from HIV. (*Gift cards are only available while supplies last.)

Friday, June 21: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Kentwood Clinic, 1620 44th St SE, Kentwood

Tuesday, June 25: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sheldon Clinic, 121 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids

Wednesday, June 26: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Wyoming Clinic, 852 47th Street SW, Wyoming

Thursday, June 27: 8 a.m. -6 p.m. Health Department, 700 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that one in five people living with HIV in the United States today don't know their status. HIV, Human Immunodeficiency Virus, attacks the cells that make up the body's immune system. HIV makes it difficult to fight off colds and other infections. There are medications available today that can strengthen the immune system. Left untreated, HIV can develop into Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome – AIDS – which can be deadly.

Protect yourself from HIV. You can make an appointment for testing by calling 616.632.7171. More information about HIV and AIDS can be found at:

<http://www.accesskent.com/Health/PersonalHealth/pdfs/HIVFactSheet.pdf>

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and four satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.

700 FULLER AVE. NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

**1 FINGER POKE
+ 20 MINUTES CONVERSATION
= PEACE OF MIND (AND A GIFT CARD)**

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KENTWOOD CLINIC

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KENTWOOD, MI 49508

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

9AM-12PM

SHELDON CLINIC

121 FRANKLIN SE, STE. 130
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49507

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

9AM-12PM

WYOMING CLINIC

852 47TH STREET SW
WYOMING, MI 49509

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

8AM-6PM

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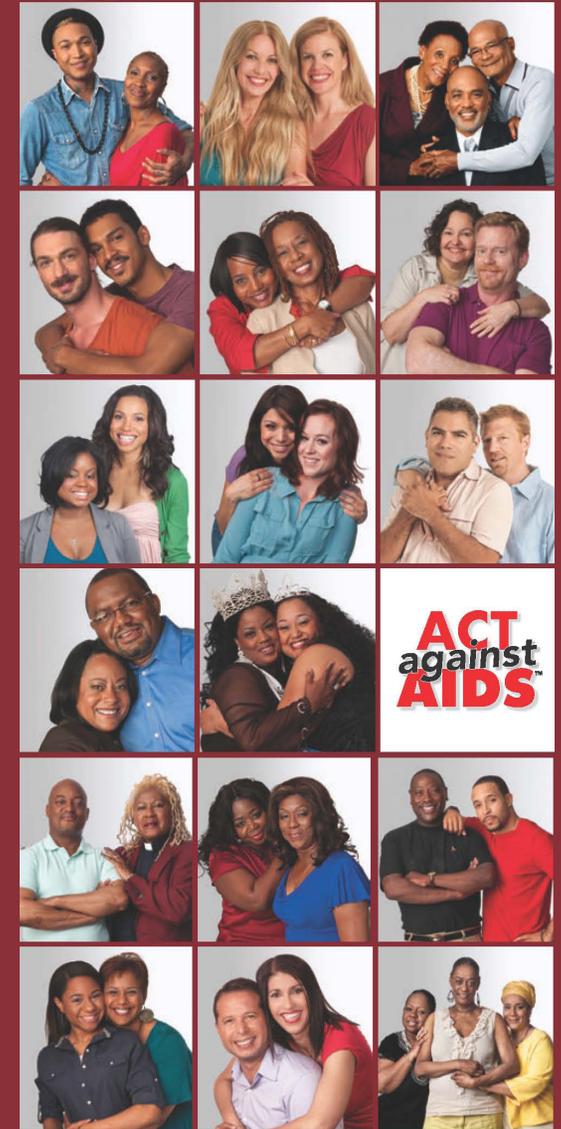
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