



## WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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### WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGES HIV AWARENESS, TESTING

**JOLIET** – The Will County Health Department is joining forces with thousands of agencies and community-based organizations across the U.S. to promote the need for HIV awareness and testing.

The 16th annual National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) initiative is set for June 27. Although NHTD didn't surface until 1995, HIV/AIDS has been a critical public health focus for nearly three decades.

The Health Department provides reliable and confidential HIV counseling and testing at seven Will County locations. Unfortunately, the need for enhanced counseling and testing initiatives grows more acute every day.

According to the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 300,000 Americans are HIV-positive but currently unaware of their status. Regular counseling and testing enables people with HIV to take steps that will protect their health, as well as the health of their partners.

Tests are painless, can be anonymous, and are potentially life-saving. Have you ever considered taking an HIV test?

For more information about HIV counseling and testing, telephone 815-727-8830, or visit the HIV page at [www.willcountyhealth.org](http://www.willcountyhealth.org).



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