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## **Health Department Partners with The Frederick Center to Provide Free HIV Testing as part of World AIDS Day**

**FREDERICK, MD** — The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) will offer free HIV testing and education on November 30, 2025 at The Frederick Center in honor of World AIDS Day. The event will be held at 25 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Frederick, Maryland 21701 from 1-4 PM and is free and open to the public. For more information on the event, [click here](#).

This year, the national theme for World AIDS Day is, "Collective Action: Sustain and Accelerate HIV Progress." Across the country, partners are combining resources to make an impact, including here in Frederick County. As part of FCHD's focus on health equity and access to care, the health department is proud to offer free and confidential testing in partnership with The Frederick Center. Knowing your status is an important first step in prevention and care. It helps people get life-saving treatment that allows them to live long, healthy lives and prevents further spread of HIV. The event will also feature opportunities to learn about modern HIV prevention methods, such as PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), and connect with local support services provided by The Frederick Center.

"World AIDS Day is more than just a date on the calendar, it's a commitment to our community's health and well-being," said Kenneth Melnick, Disease Intervention Specialist at the Frederick County Health Department. "By offering free, confidential testing and making a safe place where everyone is welcome, we're working towards everyone in Frederick County knowing their health status and getting linked to care. This is our way of moving our community closer to an AIDS-free generation."

The Frederick County Health Department offers walk-in testing on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 AM - 3 PM and by appointment by calling 301-600-3117. All tests are free and confidential. For more information about HIV services in Frederick County visit [Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HIV](https://Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HIV).

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