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## **Health Department Recognizes World AIDS Day on December 1**

**FREDERICK, MD** -- The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) joins with the global community to recognize the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World AIDS Day on December 1<sup>st</sup>. As part of our commitment to end HIV and AIDS, FCHD will provide walk-in HIV testing on December 1 and every Tuesday and Friday from 9AM-3PM at 350 Montevue Lane Frederick, MD 21702. Testing is free, anonymous, and no appointment is required. Other times and locations for HIV testing are available by calling 301-600-3342 or by visiting [Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HIV](http://Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HIV).

For decades, World AIDS Day has served as a reminder of the challenges faced by millions worldwide living with HIV. It is a day to honor the lives lost, celebrate progress made, and recommit to ending the stigma and discrimination associated with this disease. This year's theme, "World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit" highlights the crucial need for unity, awareness, and access to healthcare for all.

FCHD and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend yearly testing for anyone 13 to 65 years old as part of their routine yearly health care. Testing takes approximately 15 minutes and results are given immediately. The CDC estimates 1.2 million people in the United States have HIV, including about 158,500 people who are unaware of their status. Over 500 people in Frederick County are currently living with HIV.

For more information, please visit [Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HIV](http://Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HIV) or call 301-600-3342.

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