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SCPHD Offering FREE Rapid HIV Tests In Recognition of World Aids Day

TWIN FALLS- In recognition of World Aids Day, South Central Public Health District is offering **free**, confidential HIV testing on Wednesday, November 28, from 12-4 p.m. at the CSI Taylor Commons. Results will be available about 15 minutes after testing.

The rapid HIV test is similar to a pregnancy test using blood from a finger stick instead of urine. If test results are positive, blood will be drawn from the patient for a second test for confirmation.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that one in five people living with HIV today are unaware that they are HIV positive. Only HIV testing can confirm your status. HIV is passed through contact with the blood, semen, vaginal fluids, or breast milk of an infected person. Early detection can prevent a person from transmitting the virus to others.

For more information, call Logan Hudson, Public Health Nurse, at 737-5929 or visit www.phd5.idaho.gov.

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