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**SAGINAW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RECOGNIZES
NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY**

June 27, 2018 is National HIV Testing Day and serves as a day to encourage people to get tested for HIV, know their status, and get linked to care and treatment if they have HIV. There is an estimated 1.1 million people in the United States who are living with HIV. One in seven people have HIV and do not know it. In Michigan, there were 17,970 persons living with HIV infection as of January 2017, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In 2016, there were 19 people newly diagnosed with HIV in Saginaw County. There are approximately 290 people in Saginaw County living with HIV. With early diagnosis, individuals can be placed in treatment and care resulting in better health outcomes.

In recognition of National HIV Testing Day, the Saginaw County Department of Public Health will offer free HIV counseling and testing on a walk-in basis on June 27th. Counseling and testing will occur in room 312 at 1600 N. Michigan between 8:15AM-12:00PM and 1:00-4:00PM. HIV results will be available at the same visit.

For more information on HIV testing, call 989-758-3880, or visit our website at www.saginawpublichealth.org. Be Wise. Be Well.

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