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### World AIDS Day 2018 - Know Your Status

**Stanislaus County** – Each year one million people worldwide die from Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), a preventable and treatable infection. World AIDS Day is observed each year on December 1 and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, provide support for those living with the disease, and remember those who have died.

In the United States 1,122,900 people are living with HIV and one in seven people don't know they are infected. The theme for World AIDS Day 2018 is "Know Your Status". Stanislaus County Health Services Agency Public Health urges people to know their HIV infection status through testing and to access prevention, treatment, and care services.

There are over 700 people in Stanislaus County living with HIV. Public Health services include HIV testing so people can know their status, risk counseling, and referral for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent HIV infection. Linkage to care and case management are available to ensure people with HIV infection are appropriately treated and stay in care to ensure good health and to decrease transmission of HIV.

In honor of World AIDS Day, Public Health will offer free rapid HIV testing at the MoPRIDE World AIDS Day event Saturday, December 1 from 1-5 pm at the College Avenue United Church of Christ located at 1341 College Avenue, Modesto.

For more information:

On this event, please contact Britni Hodge at (209) 499-0328 [bhodge@mopride.org](mailto:bhodge@mopride.org).

To schedule an appointment with Public Health, please call (209) 558-7700.

On HIV, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/default.html>.