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National HIV Testing Day June 27

Muskegon, MI – June 27, 2010 is National HIV Testing Day, an annual, nationwide public health campaign to encourage everyone to seek voluntary HIV counseling and testing. Because anyone can get HIV, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 be tested for HIV as a routine part of their medical care.

Public Health – Muskegon County offers HIV counseling and testing year-round at no charge. Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:00-11:00 and Noon-4:00 pm. Service is provided on a walk in basis, is always confidential, and can be provided anonymously. Results are ready in one week and are generally available by phone.

The public health department will also be providing no charge HIV testing in partnership with Muskegon's Coalition for HIV Awareness and Prevention (MCHAP) on Friday, June 25, 2010 from 9:00 pm until midnight at Club Mo'z located at 80 E Seaway Drive in Muskegon Heights and on Sunday, June 27, 2010 from Noon until 3:00 pm at Summer Celebration in downtown Muskegon.

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Editorial Notes:

For more about Public Health – Muskegon County's HIV Counseling and Testing services, visit www.muskegonhealth.net/programs/health/hiv.htm.

For more about Muskegon's Coalition for HIV Awareness and Prevention (MCHAP), visit their Facebook page, search MCHAP or click here www.facebook.com/pages/MCHAP-Muskegons-Coalition-for-HIV-Awareness-and-Prevention/109103292456101.

Comparison of HIV/AIDS Prevalence in MUSKEGON COUNTY to MICHIGAN						
RESIDENCE AT DIAGNOSIS	ESTIMATED PREVALENCE	REPORTED PREVALENCE				CUMULATIVE AIDS
		HIV, not AIDS	AIDS	Total	Rate*	
Muskegon County	160	62	57	119	68	118
Total for MI	18,800	6,695	7,676	14,371	144	16,678

*Rate per 100,000 population

Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, January 2010 Quarterly HIV/AIDS Analysis