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National HIV Testing Day Take the Test, Take Control. Free HIV Testing

Iron River, Michigan – May 29, 2012. As National HIV Testing Day approaches, June 27, the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department urges *you* to **take the test, take control**. You are at risk for HIV. The only way to know for sure is to get tested.

Early HIV diagnosis is critical, so people who are infected can fully benefit from available life-saving treatments. Currently, almost 40 percent of people with HIV are not diagnosed until they already have developed AIDS. That can be up to 10 years after they first became infected with HIV. Finding out whether you are infected with HIV is the first step to improving your health and the health of your partners and your family.

In observance of National HIV Testing Day, the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department is offering free HIV testing on June 11th and 18th, 2012. Call (906) 779-7237 or (906) 265-4166 to schedule an anonymous appointment. All HIV testing is anonymous and confidential. Orasure testing, a non-invasive, oral test that does not involve a blood draw is also available.

For more information, please call the Health Department numbers above, contact the Local AIDS Hot line at (906) 282-8014, or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers information on HIV/AIDS at www.hivtest.org.

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