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HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD AIDS DAY

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – More than thirty years after the first cases of HIV and AIDS surfaced, these diseases are still serious health problems that require our attention.

In order to promote regular testing, raise awareness and commemorate those who have lost their battles with HIV and AIDS, the Sedgwick County Health Department will participate in World AIDS Days. This year's theme is "Focus, Partner, Achieve: An AIDS-Free Generation."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone ages 13 to 64 get tested at least once for HIV as part of routine health care, and high-risk groups get tested more often. The health department will offer the following testing on Monday, Dec. 1:

- Free conventional venipuncture and rapid HIV testing at the Main Clinic, 2716 W. Central in Wichita, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be available.
- Free rapid testing for students, faculty and staff at Wichita State University from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Student Health Services, Ahlberg Hall, conducted by Sedgwick County Health Department staff.

For more information, contact the Sedgwick County Health Department at 316-660-7300, or visit www.sedgwickcounty.org.

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