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**WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
SUPPORTS NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY**

Everyone has a reason to get an HIV test. More than one million people in the U.S. are living with HIV, but as many as one in four do not know that they have it.

The Westchester County Health Department, in conjunction with the members of Project W.A.V.E., a coalition of partner organizations that includes health departments, HIV and AIDS service providers and media outlets, encourages people to get a free HIV test at these weekend events throughout Westchester County in support of the National Association of People with AIDS 15th Annual National HIV Testing Day:

Friday, June 26:

- The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, at 107 West Fourth Street in its parking lot, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Mount Vernon AIDS Task Force, at Pathmark on Third Avenue at Third Street, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Mount Vernon Hospital, at Cimarron Café, 156 South Fourth Avenue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Planned Parenthood, in its New Rochelle, White Plains, Yonkers and Mount Kisco offices.

Sunday, June 28:

- Children's Village, Ossining Open Door and Westchester County Medical Center, at African American Heritage Day at the Kensico Dam in Valhalla, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“The earlier a person learns that he or she is infected with HIV, the sooner that person can begin life-extending medical care, treatment and support that can lead to a better quality of life,” said Dr. Joshua Lipsman, the Westchester County Health Commissioner.

For more information on National HIV Testing Day, or to find a testing site near your home, call the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5256 or (914) 995-9595 or visit

www.westchestergov.com/health.