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Marking World AIDS Day in Lawrence, Douglas County

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Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day and there is no better time than now to *know* your status.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, approximately 33.2 million people worldwide were living with HIV in 2007, and more than 2 million people died from AIDS. In the United States, an estimated 1 million people are living with HIV; of these, approximately 25 percent are unaware of their HIV infection and are at risk for infecting others.

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department offers HIV screening as do several other agencies in the area.

For more information, call the Health Department at (785) 843-0721 or visit the HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing web page at:

www.ldchealth.org/hivcounselingandtesting.htm

For a full listing of other screening locations, visit the Douglas County AIDS Project's Web site at: www.douglascountyaidproject.org

When individuals are tested for HIV, they can be part of the solution to stop its spread. People who know they are HIV positive can fully benefit from available life-saving treatments. They can also take steps to protect their partners and protect their community.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov or www.hivtest.org.