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### **Free HIV Testing Available for Women and Girls**

To recognize and promote **National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**, on Wednesday, March 10, HIV Alliance will offer free Rapid HIV antibody tests to women and girls. Rapid HIV Antibody testing allows people to get their test results within 20 minutes.

HIV Alliance is offering free testing to women and girls in association with the Women's Center at the University of Oregon. Testing will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Erb Memorial Union on the University of Oregon campus at the Women's Center. **Due to a limited number of test providers, testing will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Every 35 minutes, a woman tests positive for HIV in the United States. About 1 in 4 Americans living with HIV today are women. Additionally, in the US, young people are at a high risk of becoming infected with HIV. In 2006, people 13 to 29 accounted for the largest number of new HIV infections in the US. According to CDC research on at-risk youth, the rate of HIV among young women 16 to 21 is 50 percent higher than the rate among young men of the same age group. African American women in the study were seven times as likely as white women to be HIV-positive.

In general, testing is encouraged for people who are at a higher risk for contracting HIV including men who have sex with men; persons who inject drugs or who have sex with a person known to have HIV, and for persons who have a history of sexually transmitted infections or engaging in unprotected sex. In honor of this National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, women of all ages are especially encouraged to be tested.

Today, CDC estimates approximately 250,000 Americans are living with HIV but unaware of their HIV status. HIV testing is a critical first step in taking control and responsibility over one's health.

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