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CLEAR CREEK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TO HOLD EVENT TO EDUCATE AND PREVENT SPREAD OF STIs

Media Partners,

Clear Creek County Public Health is preparing to hold an event in an effort to help slow down the increase of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in our community. STI rates are growing across the country, and Colorado is no exception.

According to The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, they are seeing a spread of infections that they didn't see before. The State Health Department has seen Syphilis alone increase by 158 percent from 2015 to 2018.

That's why on June 27th, National HIV Testing Day, Public Health is not only offering free, on-site STI/HIV testing, but also education, food, drinks, prizes, and more. The event is to help make the community healthier by focusing on prevention and treatment.

"The prevention of any disease is very important, whether it's a chronic disease or an infectious disease," Clear Creek County Public and Environmental Health Director Dr. Timothy Ryan said. "This event is intended to inform and provide an opportunity for the community to understand their own risk."

The event will take place outside the new [Health and Wellness Center](#) (1969 Miner Street, Idaho Springs) from 3:00-7:00 p.m. People are encouraged to come along and get tested, learn something, and get some food—all for free.

"We do not want there to be any barriers to testing, and making it free is one way to increase testing," Dr. Ryan added.

CDPHE will also be at the event, along with others to educate and answer any questions the public might have. The Health and Wellness Center also offers testing, you can learn more by calling our Health Information Line at 303-670-7528.

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