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HIV Testing Day To Be Observed in Putnam County

Brewster - Putnam County will be observing National HIV Testing Day on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at the Planned Parenthood site at 2505 Carmel Avenue in Brewster. FREE Rapid HIV Testing will be offered from 11:00am – 7:00pm. The test is a simple oral swab that provides test results in 20-30 minutes.

According to the CDC, at the end of 2006 an estimated 1.1 million people in the United States were living with diagnosed or undiagnosed HIV and AIDS. Approximately one out of every four people infected with HIV does not know it, contributing to the estimated 56,300 new HIV infections that arise per year.

No appointments are necessary! All tests are confidential. For more information, please contact Planned Parenthood at (845) 278-7313.

The National Association of People with AIDS launched a National HIV Testing Day as a way to reach millions of those at risk for HIV with a simple message: “Take the Test, Take Control.” For more information on HIV and AIDS please contact the Health Education Unit of the Putnam County Department of Health at (845)278-6558.

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