

## County of Yolo HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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World AIDS Day Observance Events in Yolo County

Woodland, CA—On December 1, 2009, people all over the world will be observing the 21<sup>st</sup> annual World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day provides the opportunity for everyone to learn more about the disease, how to prevent the spread of the virus, and share the information with others. Whether it is through volunteering for local HIV/AIDS service organizations, getting tested for HIV, talking with a loved one about HIV, or simply wearing a red ribbon in support of the cause, all individuals are encouraged to take action in their community.

In the United States, up to 25% of the estimated HIV infected individuals are undiagnosed and not aware of their HIV status. In California there have been almost 180,000 cases since reporting began, and 326 cases in Yolo County.

Local efforts to increase awareness, prevention and testing occur throughout the year in Yolo County. The Yolo County Health Department and its partners provide confidential HIV testing in clinics and through mobile test sites throughout Yolo County.

In recognition of the epidemic and in remembrance of the millions affected by HIV/AIDS the following events will occur at UC Davis:

## HIV Awareness Movie Night-Rent!

Sponsored by Delta Epsilon Mu and Health Education and Promotion Monday, November 30, Doors open at 6:45PM and movie starts at 7:00PM 194 Chemistry Building Join Delta Epsilon Mu on the night of November 30th for the FREE viewing of Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer and Tony Award winning musical, *RENT*! Receive a free red ribbon to show your support for HIV awareness.

## **Make Your Pledge**

Monday, November 30, 6:30-9:00PM Activities and Recreation Center (ARC) Stop by the World AIDS Day table located in the ARC lobby and make your pledge to prevent HIV/AIDS and educate yourself and others. Free red ribbons and condoms will be available.

## World AIDS Day March and Rally

Tuesday, December 1 Memorial Union Patio & East Quad 11:40 AM March begins at Flagpole at the MU Patio Noon Rally with keynote speaker and live music on the East Quad Show your support and wear red on Tuesday, December 1.

UC Davis World AIDS Day events are sponsored by: Bayanihan Clinic Delta Epsilon Mu Health Education and Promotion, Student Health Services Lambda Omicron Xi Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center (LGBTRC) Nourish International, UC Davis Chapter Students Teaching AIDS to Students (STATS) Yolo County Health Department HIV/AIDS Programs

For further information on HIV/AIDS education, prevention, testing and treatment, contact the Yolo County Health Department HIV/AIDS Program at (530) 666-8645. For further information about World AIDS Day see <a href="http://www.worldaidscampaign.org">www.worldaidscampaign.org</a>

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