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North Dakota Department of Health Holding Public Education Town Halls about HIV

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH), in collaboration with Family HealthCare, will hold public education sessions aimed to promote HIV awareness by providing information about HIV and STD prevention (including pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP), transmission of HIV and treatment. Family HealthCare provides HIV prevention education and outreach through an agreement with NDDoH.

The following public education opportunities have been scheduled, and we encourage anyone with an interest in learning more about HIV to attend. Family HealthCare will provide light refreshments and an opportunity to win a gift card. A presentation will begin at 3:00 p.m. local time and will follow with a question and answer opportunity until 5:00 p.m. Attendees are welcome to join at any time. Sessions have been scheduled for the following days:

- Friday, May 19, 2017 –Staybridge Suites, 3009 S Broadway St, Minot, N.D.
- Saturday, May 20, 2017 –Comfort Inn, Meeting Room E, 1030 E Interstate Ave, Bismarck, N.D.
- Thursday, May 25, 2017 – Holiday Inn Express, 103 14th St W, Dickinson N.D.
- Friday, May 26 2017 –Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 415 38th ST W, Williston, N.D.
- Friday, June 2, 2017 – Staybridge Suites, 1175 42nd St S, Grand Forks, N.D.
- Saturday, June 3, 2017 – Family HealthCare, 301 NP Ave, Fargo, N.D.

“We are holding public forums for people to come and get the most factual and up to date information about HIV,” said Lindsey VanderBusch, HIV Program Manager. “There are a number of misconceptions we still hear about, even though HIV has been around for longer than 30 years.”

Topics of discussion include HIV transmission, prevention, treatment and local epidemiology. It is recommended that regardless of risk, every person be tested for HIV at least once in a lifetime and people at higher risk for infection, more often.

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“We want to make sure everyone has enough information about HIV to know how they can protect themselves from being infected,” said VanderBusch.

Please refer to the following website for additional information: www.ndhealth.gov/hiv.

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