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Know Your Status and Be Safe on Valentine's Day: Visit CRT for a Free, Confidential HIV Test all day on Feb. 14

And while you're there, get a free safer sex kit, complete with condoms, lube and more

HARTFORD — You bought the flowers. You bought the candy. You've picked out the perfect outfit. You have a reservation at your favorite restaurant ... But do you know if you will be safe on Valentine's Day?

Free, confidential HIV tests are available on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 between 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Community Renewal Team's (CRT) office located at 330 Market Street in Hartford.

"Why not enjoy Valentine's Day and know your status?" asks Heidi Lubetkin, Vice President of Clinical Support Services at CRT. "Let CRT help clear the air ahead of time. Get a free HIV test, and be confident on this special day."

The anonymous test results are available within 20 minutes. CRT outreach staff that conducts the testing speaks both English and Spanish.

In addition to the HIV test, anyone that drops by CRT's Market Street office on Valentine's Day can pick up a free safer sex kit, complete with condoms, lubrication and other goodies. Additionally, everyone that receives an HIV test from CRT that day will be entered into a raffle to win some fabulous prizes.

If someone does test positive for HIV, CRT staff will connect that individual to needed services, including medical appointments, case management, and other support.

For information and to schedule a free HIV test, please call: 860-310-6309 or 860-761-7900.

CRT is working with the Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition as a partner in collaboration on this HIV testing outreach effort.

More information about CRT's HIV Counseling Services is available on our website:
<http://www.crtct.org/en/need-help/m-health/hiv-counseling-services>

Editor's Note: *Samples of the safer sex kit hand-out are available upon request.*

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Community Renewal Team, Inc. is the designated Community Action Agency for Middlesex and Hartford Counties and is the largest non-profit provider of human services in Connecticut. The agency's mission is Preparing Our Community to Meet Life's Challenges. The mission is achieved each day by helping people and families become self-sufficient while making sure basic needs are met. CRT's programs include Head Start, Meals on Wheels, energy assistance, supportive housing and shelters, and many others, serving people in more than 60 cities and towns in both our core catchment area and throughout Connecticut. www.crtct.org