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MOVHD to hold Community Testing Day

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department will hold a free Community Testing Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, at the Christ United Methodist Church, located at 715 16th St. (at 16th and Dudley) in Parkersburg.

Testing will include those for Hep B and C, as well as rapid testing for HIV and Syphilis. Those that get the rapid HIV test will be eligible for a \$10 gift card. Blood will be drawn for the HIV and Syphilis confirmatory tests.

Prevention materials as well as lunch will be provided at the event. No appointments are necessary; walk-ins are welcomed.

“For the last several years MOVHD has noticed an increase of Syphilis in Wood County,” said Rebecca Eaton, clinical director of the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department. “We are now considered an outbreak by the STD unit of the State of West Virginia. We want people to be tested so that we can treat them as soon as possible.”

“The symptoms (of Syphilis) could be a bump that doesn’t hurt that goes away. Many people do not even know they had one. This is one of the STDs that can kill you, but it could take years or it could take only months.”

For more information, please call 304-485-7374.

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The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. It is located at 211 Sixth St. in Parkersburg. The offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, movhd.com for more information. Follow them at Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD on Facebook and @MOVHealthDept on Instagram and Twitter.