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April is National STD Awareness Month

“Know for Sure” this year’s theme for National STD Awareness Month is a new campaign to raise awareness of the critical need for testing for sexually transmitted diseases. More than 15 million cases of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) will occur this year in the United States, according to the American Social Health Association (ASHA). Many STDs do not have symptoms and millions of Americans don’t know they are infected. Left untreated, STDs can spread quickly and can cause serious health problems, including chronic pain, cancer and infertility. . STDs are an epidemic in this country. One in five people in the United States has an STD. Two-thirds of all STDs occur in people 25 years of age or younger, with one if four new STD infections occurring in teenagers. At least one in four Americans will contract as STD at some point in their lives, but less than half of adults ages 18 to 44 have ever been tested for an STD other than HIV/AIDS.

The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency provides confidential testing at each of their four office locations by appointment. To make an appointment to get tested please contact one of our offices.

- Hillsdale 517-437-7395 ext. 121
- Coldwater 517-279-9561 ext. 132
- Three Rivers 269-273-2161 ext. 207
- Sturgis 269-659-4013 ext. 108

For information on this topic you may log on to the American Social Health Association main Web site: www.ashastd.org and for current information you may also log on to the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency web site: www.bhsj.org