



**County of Rockland  
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**Department of Health announces World AIDS Day  
observance on Tuesday, December 1st**

Pomona, NY – The Rockland County AIDS Consortium, will be holding it's annual event in observance of World AIDS Day on **Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.** in the Atrium (near the cafeteria) at Rockland Community College.

The event will have agencies that provide services for people with HIV and their families. Educational information will be distributed and any questions will be answered. Free Rapid HIV Testing that provides results in approximately 20 minutes will take place in the Student Union building from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m. there will be a Service of Hope and Rememberance. The service will include a candle light ceremony and roll call of Rockland residents who have lost their lives from AIDS.

"World Aids Day is an opportunity for our community to recommit to working to reduce the burden of HIV disease through improved prevention, education, and treatment and to continue research for a cure. HIV affects everyone," said Rockland County Commissioner of Health Dr. Joan Facelle.

World AIDS Day, sponsored by the National AIDS Trust in the UK, is held annually on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information, call the Rockland County Department of Health Infectious Disease Program at (845) 364-2570 or visit [www.worldaidsday.org](http://www.worldaidsday.org).

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