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Wear One

February is National Condom Month, and the Barry-Eaton District Health Department encourages individuals who are sexually active to practice safe sex. Correct and consistent condom use remains the most effective way to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections. Many people aren't aware that in Barry and Eaton County, the rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea (common STIs) continue to increase each year.

The Barry-Eaton District Health Department offers FREE condoms through the Wear One Campaign. The Wear One Campaign was developed to increase free condom availability, create awareness, and promote acceptance of condom use. The goal is to decrease sexually transmitted infections (STI's) and unplanned pregnancies by removing barriers to condom use, such as cost, embarrassment, and lack of access.

The Wear One campaign is a health department and local business partnership that has been successfully welcomed in counties across Michigan. The health department supplies condoms for distribution at no cost, and the community business partner serves as the point of distribution. The CDC endorses condom distribution programs like the Wear One campaign as a proven way to increase condom use, prevent HIV/sexually transmitted infections, and save communities money in health care costs.

According to the CDC:

- Nearly 2.3 million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis were diagnosed in the United States in 2017. This is a 31% increase from 2013.
- Gonorrhea diagnoses increased 67% and Chlamydia diagnoses increased 22% since 2013.
- STIs are preventable! To avoid giving or getting: Talk with your partner about staying safe before having sex, use condoms correctly, get the HPV vaccine, and get tested.

Individuals can pick up a Wear One packs at the Charlotte or Hastings office, or any of the Wear One community partner locations. For more information about Wear One and partner locations visit www.barryeatonhealth.org/wear-one-campaign.

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