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AIDS

FACTS FOR LIFE

AIDS is a deadly disease caused by HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus).

To avoid infection through sex, don't have sex, or have sex only with a partner who isn't infected.

An infected woman can pass HIV to her baby during pregnancy or when the baby is being born.

HIV is spread by sharing needles.

Using condoms correctly every time you have sex, reduces the risk of HIV infection.

HIV is spread through sex with an infected person. Both men and women can spread HIV.

Donating or giving blood is safe.

A person with HIV may have no symptoms, but can still infect others.

There is no cure or vaccine for HIV.

HIV is not spread by hugs or handshakes.

HIV is not spread by mosquitoes.

For additional facts call **1-800-AID-AIDS** Illinois Department of Public Health
or 1-800-782-0423 TDD only