



DECEMBER IS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS MONTH

NATIONAL OVERVIEW

- Currently, 1.2 million people are living with HIV in the United States (an estimated 1,218,400 adults and adolescents), and nearly one in eight of those (13 percent) are unaware of their infections.
- Despite increases in the total number of people living with HIV in the United States in recent years, the annual number of new infections has remained relatively stable overall.
- However, HIV infections continue at far too high a level, with approximately 50,000 Americans becoming newly infected with HIV each year.
- More than 14,000 people with AIDS still die each year in the United States.

HOW IS HIV SPREAD?

HIV is spread from an infected person to another person through direct contact with some of the body's fluids. It is not spread easily. Only certain body fluids from an HIV-infected person can transmit HIV:

- Blood
- Semen (cum)
- Pre-seminal fluid (pre-cum)
- Rectal fluids
- Vaginal fluids
- Breast milk

These body fluids must come into contact with a mucous membrane or damaged tissue or be directly injected into your bloodstream (by a needle or syringe) for transmission to possibly occur. Mucous membranes are the soft, moist areas just inside the openings to your body. They can be found inside the rectum, the vagina or the opening of the penis, and the mouth.

WHERE TO GET TESTED?

If you think you may have been exposed to HIV, get tested. You can get tested at:

- Your healthcare provider's office
- Clinic and other locations.
- You can also get a HIV home test kit from your local pharmacy.

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U.S. STATISTICS

GAY & BISEXUAL MEN
OF ALL RACES



ARE THE MOST SEVERELY
AFFECTED BY HIV

>1 MILL ARE LIVING WITH HIV IN THE U.S.

1 IN 8 LIVING WITH HIV



ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR INFECTION

ABOUT 1 IN 4 NEW
HIV INFECTIONS IS AMONG
YOUTH AGES 13-24



MOST OF THEM DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE
INFECTED, ARE NOT GETTING TREATED, AND CAN
UNKNOWINGLY PASS THE VIRUS ON TO OTHERS

HIV CAN ONLY

INFECT
HUMAN BEINGS

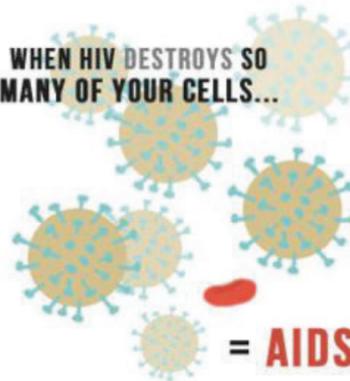


HIV ATTACKS YOUR T-CELLS



AND USES THEM TO
MAKE COPIES
OF ITSELF

WHEN HIV DESTROYS SO
MANY OF YOUR CELLS...



HIV CAN BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH...



Sexual
Contact



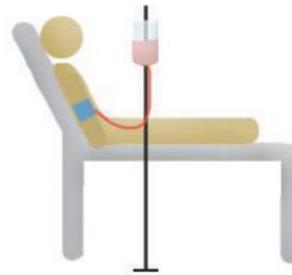
Injection
Drug Use



Pregnancy, Childbirth
& Breast Feeding



Occupational
Exposure



and rarely,
Blood Transfusion/Organ Transplant



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