2018 HIV/AIDS Awareness Days

Annual awareness days help to educate the general public and specific communities about HIV/AIDS. Since the virus affects people from all walks of life, the number of awareness days has increased over the years. Display this poster to remind you of upcoming awareness days, and use the hashtags shown to promote them on social media.

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February 7

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NBHAAD

According to the CDC, nearly half of HIV diagnoses in 2014 were among African Americans. The goal of NBHAAD is to get people educated, involved, tested and treated.

March 10

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NWGHAAD

According to the CDC, in 2014, women made up 19 percent of new U.S. HIV diagnoses. This awareness day recognizes the impact of HIV/AIDS on women and girls.

March 20

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NNHAAD

This day honors American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians and is intended to empower these groups to get tested and bring HIV/AIDS awareness to their communities.

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April 10

National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day

#NYHAAD

This awareness day was started in 2013 to engage those under age 25 on the topic of HIV/AIDS. According to the CDC, about 22 percent of new U.S. HIV diagnoses in 2014 were among 13- to 24-year-olds.

April 18

National Transgender HIV Testing Day

#NTHTD

HIV/AIDS disproportionately affects the transgender population. NTHTD encourages local testing events and campaigns promoting testing and awareness in the trans community.

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May 18

HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

#HVAD

Led by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, HVAD showcases the progress in the search for a safe and effective preventive HIV vaccine. It’s also an opportunity to educate communities about the importance of vaccine research.

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May 19

National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NAPIHAAD

It’s estimated that nearly two thirds of Asians in the United States have never been tested for HIV, due in part to stigma. The goal of NAPIHAAD is to create environments that are accepting of Asians and Pacific Islanders living with HIV/AIDS.

May 19

National Hepatitis Testing Day

#NHTD

One quarter of people living with HIV nationwide also have hepatitis C and people at risk for HIV

are also at risk for hepatitis B. NHTD aims to provide support and resources for those living with viral hepatitis, to increase awareness of the various types of the virus and to encourage testing.

June 5

HIV Long-Term Survivors AwarenessDay

#HLTSAD

This awareness day honors all long-term survivors of HIV. HLTSAD raises awareness about long-term survivors and makes sure they continue to be included in the ongoing HIV conversation.

June 8

National Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NCAHAAD

HIV prevalence in the Caribbean is the second highest globally after sub-Saharan Africa. NCAHAAD brings HIV awareness to Caribbean communities through resources, education and testing.

June 27

National HIV Testing Day

#NHTD

NHTD is a call to people of all ages to learn the facts about HIV and get tested for the virus. According to the CDC, one in eight people living with HIV don’t know they have it.

August 27

National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NFHAAD

HIV/AIDS affects people of all faiths across the United States. The goal of NFHAAD is to bring together Muslims, Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus and members of other religions to fight HIV/AIDS.

September 18

National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

#NHAAD

According to the CDC, people age 50 and older accounted for an estimated 17 percent of new U.S. HIV diagnoses in 2014. NHAAD encourages HIV testing among older adults and HIV awareness for seniors.

September 27

National Gay Men’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NGMHAAD

According to the CDC, nearly one in seven gay and bi men living with HIV are unaware they have the virus. NGMHAAD encourages individuals to get tested and encourages those who are positive to engage in treatment in order to improve their health and reduce the likelihood of transmitting the virus to their partners.

October 15

National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

#NLAAD

Latinos make up almost one quarter of new HIV diagnoses nationwide in 2014, according to the CDC. NLAAD aims to get more Latinx people to join the fight to end the epidemic.

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December 1

World AIDS Day

#WAD

About 36.7 million people across the globe have HIV, according to UNAIDS. Every December 1, the world comes together to show solidarity in the fight against HIV, to show support for those living with the virus and to remember those lost to it.

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