2022 HIV/AIDS Awareness Days

Awareness days help educate the general public and specific communities about HIV/AIDS. Display this poster as a reminder 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Black people made up 42% of new diagnoses in the United States in 2018. NBHAAD raises awareness about HIV prevention, care and treatment within Black communities.

March 10

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NWGHAAD

According to the CDC, in 2019, women made up 16% 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, which falls on the first day of spring, 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.

April 10

National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day

#NYHAAD

This awareness day encourages those under age 25 to speak out about HIV/AIDS. According to the CDC, about 21% of new U.S. HIV diagnoses in 2019 were among 13- to 24-year-olds.

April 18

National Transgender HIV Testing Day

#TransHIV

The virus disproportionately affects people who are transgender. This awareness day calls for local events and campaigns promoting HIV testing and awareness in trans communities.

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 HIV vaccine. It also serves as an opportunity to educate communities about the importance of vaccine research.

May 19

National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#APIMay19

Stigma is one of the biggest barriers to discussing HIV in many Asian and Pacific Islander communities. This awareness day aims to break down that stigma by highlighting how HIV uniquely affects these populations and encouraging HIV testing, prevention and treatment.

May 19

Hepatitis Testing Day

#HepTestingDay

Approximately 25% of people living with HIV nationwide also have hepatitis C, and people who are at risk for HIV are also at risk for hepatitis B. Hepatitis Testing Day aims to encourage testing, but it also increases awareness of the various types of viral hepatitis and provides support and resources for those
who are affected.

June 5

HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day

#HLTSAD

This awareness day honors all long-term survivors of HIV. HLTSAD highlights the stories and needs of long-term survivors and advocates for community resources on their behalf.

June 27

National HIV Testing Day

#HIVTestingDay

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

August 20

Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#SHAAD

About half of new HIV diagnoses are in the South. SHAAD raises awareness and provides an opportunity to advocate for the necessary resources to address the HIV crisis in the region.

August 29

National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NFHAAD

HIV affects people of all faiths across the United States. The goal of NFHAAD, which is held the last Sunday in August, is to bring together Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims and members of other religions to fight HIV together.

September 18

National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

#HIVandAging

It’s estimated that more than half of people living with HIV in the United States are age 50 and older. This day promotes HIV awareness for seniors and encourages HIV testing among older adults.

September 27

National Gay Men’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NGMHAAD

According to the CDC, one in six gay and bisexual men living with HIV are unaware they have the virus. NGMHAAD is a time to raise awareness, encourage testing and to support dialogue about HIV prevention and treatment and the unique needs of this population.

October 15

National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

#NLAAD

According to the CDC, one in six Latinos living with HIV are unaware they have it. NLAAD aims to unite and mobilize the community to raise awareness and promote HIV testing and education.

December 1

World AIDS Day

#WorldAIDSDay

About 37.7 million people across the globe have HIV, according to UNAIDS. Every December 1, the world comes together to show solidarity.

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