



2026 HIV and AIDS Awareness Days

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February

7 – National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NBHAAD

While African Americans make up just 12% of the population, they accounted for 38% of new HIV diagnoses in 2023. NBHAAD aims to increase HIV education, testing, community involvement and treatment among Black communities.

28 – HIV Is Not a Crime Awareness Day

#HIVisNotaCrime

Launched in 2022, this awareness day aims to raise awareness of HIV criminalization laws across the country—and around the world—and amplify the work of those trying to reform them.

March

10 – National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NWGHAAD

Women are often overlooked in discussions about HIV, even though they accounted for 19% of new HIV diagnoses in 2023. This awareness day highlights the need to boost HIV prevention efforts targeting women and girls while advancing equity in care and treatment.

20 – National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NNHAAD

Observed on the first day of spring, this day raises awareness of HIV's impact on American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities. It aims to reduce stigma and promote HIV testing, prevention and education while honoring the strength and resilience of Native cultures.

April

10 – National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day

#NYHAAD

In 2023, people ages 13 to 24 accounted for 18% of new HIV diagnoses. This awareness day emphasizes empowering youth with knowledge, resources and stigma-free care to protect their health and future.

18 – National Transgender HIV Testing Day

#NTHTD

HIV disproportionately affects the transgender community. NTHTD recognizes the importance of routine testing and a continued focus on HIV prevention and treatment among people who are transgender, gender-nonconforming and nonbinary.

May

18 – HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

#HVAD

This awareness day highlights the progress made in the search for a safe and effective HIV vaccine. It also provides an opportunity to educate communities about the importance of vaccine research.

19 – National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NAPIHAAD

This awareness day presents an opportunity to highlight how HIV uniquely affects Asians and Pacific Islanders. The goal is to promote HIV testing and treatment and encourage conversations about HIV in these communities.

June

5 – HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day

#HLTSAD

First observed in 2014, this awareness day honors long-term survivors of HIV, highlights the challenges they face and provides an opportunity to advocate for the resources to meet their particular needs.

27 – National HIV Testing Day

#HIVTestingDay

Approximately 13% of people living with HIV don't know they have the virus. National HIV Testing Day reminds people of all ages to learn the facts about HIV and get tested.

July

21 – Zero HIV Stigma Day

#ZeroHIVStigmaDay

This awareness day spearheads a movement that highlights the detrimental impacts of HIV-related stigma around the world and promotes ways to take action against it.

August

20 – Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#SHAAD

This day highlights the disproportionate impact of HIV in the U.S. South and promotes testing, prevention and treatment. It also calls for reducing stigma and health inequities to improve outcomes for communities most affected by HIV in the region.

30 – National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NFHAAD

HIV affects people of all faiths. Observed on the last Sunday in August, NFHAAD unites people of all religions to raise awareness, promote compassion and work together in the fight against HIV.

September

9 – National African Immigrants and Refugee HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Awareness Day

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#NAIRHHADay

This awareness day addresses the unique challenges African immigrants in the U.S. face. It empowers individuals to eliminate stigma regarding HIV and hepatitis via awareness, education and resources. It also encourages them to take charge of their health by promoting screening, treatment and hepatitis B vaccination within their communities.

18 – National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

#HIVandAging

More than half of people living with HIV in the United States are ages 50 and older. This awareness day promotes HIV prevention, testing and treatment. It also highlights healthy aging with the virus and advocates for age-appropriate care and support.

27 – National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

#NGMHAAD

Men who have sex with men accounted for an estimated 66% of new HIV diagnoses in 2023. NGMHAAD raises awareness of HIV and promotes testing, prevention and treatment among gay and bisexual men, who often face racism, homophobia, discrimination and stigma—all of which may increase their risk for HIV.

October

15 – National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

#NLAAD

Latinos accounted for over one third of new HIV infections in 2023. NLAAD raises awareness about the impact of HIV on Hispanic/Latinx communities. It promotes HIV testing, prevention and treatment and encourages open conversations to reduce stigma while highlighting the importance of equitable access to health care and culturally responsive HIV services.

December

1 – World AIDS Day

#WorldAIDSDay

According to UNAIDS, over 40 million people worldwide were living with HIV in 2024. World AIDS Day raises global awareness, honors those affected or lost to the disease and advocates for reducing stigma, discrimination and inequities to accelerate progress toward ending the HIV epidemic.

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