



# Everyday — December 2019

Here are some important dates in AIDS history.

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AIDS is an everyday experience. These dates represent milestones in the AIDS epidemic. Some dates are known globally; others commemorate individual experiences. AIDS Is Everyday is an ongoing art project produced in conjunction with Visual AIDS to help break down the silence, shame and stigma surrounding HIV.

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## December

1 - The World Health Organization (WHO) launches World AIDS Day. (1988)

With support from United Colors of Benetton, ACT UP Paris slips a giant pink condom over the city's Luxor Obelisk, located in the center of the Place de la Concorde. (1993)

6 - President Clinton hosts the first White House Conference on HIV/AIDS. (1995)

10 - ACT UP New York holds its controversial “Stop the Church” demonstration outside St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. In collaboration with Women’s Health Action Mobilization, protesters challenge the Catholic Church’s messaging around HIV/AIDS. (1989)



14 - Jeff Getty, a 38-year-old man living with AIDS in San Francisco, is injected with bone marrow removed from a baboon. The hope is that the transplanted marrow cells, believed to be resistant to HIV, will take root in his severely damaged immune system. (1995)

17 - The Latino Commission on AIDS is formed in response to the lack of HIV prevention and care for the Latino community. (1990)

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18 - Congress passes a spending bill that permits states and local communities, under limited circumstances, to use federal funds to support syringe services programs. (2015)

19 - A Los Angeles Times poll finds that a majority of Americans favor quarantining people who have AIDS. (1985)

20 - Retail chain H&M announces the launch of the new clothing line Fashion Against AIDS, aimed at spreading global HIV/AIDS awareness among young people. (2007)

21 -The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announces it will lift its 30-year ban on all blood donations by men who have sex with men and institute a policy that allows them to donate blood if they have not had sexual contact with another man in the previous 12 months. (2015)



23 - The journal Science announces the HPTN 052 study—which showed that HIV treatment also prevented HIV transmission to sexual partners—as its 2011 Breakthrough of the Year. (2011)

26 - New Jersey enacts a law that will mandate HIV screening for all pregnant women in the state beginning in 2008. (2007)

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