



Everyday – January/February 2026

These dates represent milestones in the HIV epidemic. Visit poz.com/aidsiseveryday to learn more about the history of HIV and AIDS.

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January

13 – [Artist Joyce McDonald](#) is diagnosed with HIV. (1995)

Joyce McDonald@visual_aids/Instagram

14 - AIDS Project Los Angeles elects its first board of directors. (1983)

Los Angeles skylineGetty Images/simonkr

20 – Fairyland, a coming-of-age drama based on Alysia Abbott’s memoir, *Fairyland: A Memoir of My Father*, premieres at the Sundance Film Festival. (2023)

28 – During his State of the Union address, President George W. Bush announces the establishment of PEPFAR to address AIDS across the globe, specifically in Africa. (2003)

February

5 – During his State of the Union address, President Donald J. Trump announces the new federal initiative Ending the Epidemic: A Plan for America. (2019)

Donald TrumpWikipedia/Gage Skidmore

7 – National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

23 – After winning the MAC Viva Glam Challenge on season 1 of RuPaul’s Drag Race, contestant Ongina reveals she is living with HIV. (2009)

28 - HIV Is Not a Crime Awareness Day

