



Everyday–October/November 2025

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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October

11 - ACT UP New York and the ACT NOW coalition organize the Seize Control of the FDA protest at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, to demand that the agency speed up the research, development and approval of drugs for AIDS. (1988)

(FDA protest) [YouTube.com/SuchIsLifeVideos](https://www.youtube.com/SuchIsLifeVideos)

15 - National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

15 - During a daily press briefing, President Ronald Reagan's acting press secretary, Larry Speakes, mocks the first reporter to ask him to comment on the growing AIDS epidemic. (1982)

(Speakes) Wikimedia, (TV and Microphones) iStock

November

4 - The Health Omnibus Programs Extension (HOPE) Act becomes the first comprehensive federal AIDS bill and establishes the National Commission on AIDS and the Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health. (1988)

(NIH) Grandbrothers/Dreamstime.com

8 - Angels in America: Perestroika, the second part of Tony Kushner's epic play about AIDS, premieres at the Mark Taper Forum Theatre in Los Angeles. (1992)

27 - Seven AIDS activists are arrested after stripping naked inside U.S. House Speaker John Boehner's office in Washington, DC, to protest possible cuts to HIV and AIDS funding as part of the "fiscal cliff" negotiations. (2012)

