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THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN PALM BEACH COUNTY RECOGNIZES WORLD AIDS DAY 2022



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Palm Beach County, Fla. — Each year on December 1, World AIDS Day is observed around the globe, serving as a memorial for those lost to HIV and as an opportunity to make people aware of enhanced HIV prevention and treatment options. This year's World AIDS Day theme is "**Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV**," which encourages people to unite globally to eliminate the barriers to HIV testing, prevention, and treatment that are holding back progress on ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County stands in solidarity with people and communities across the globe on World AIDS Day, especially our local community and partners that work every day to help end the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Florida has made great strides to reduce HIV transmission and continues to work toward eliminating HIV-related deaths by providing equitable access to HIV prevention and care services. The rate of HIV deaths among all persons diagnosed with HIV in Florida has declined by 31% over the last decade, but there is still more progress to be made. In 2021, there were 120,502 people living with HIV in Florida, 4,708 of whom were newly diagnosed.

It is important that people know their options when it comes to HIV prevention and treatment. Medication-based HIV prevention—called pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP—and HIV treatment are both based around antiretroviral therapy. Until recently, these medications were only available in pill form. Now, HIV prevention and treatment has evolved to include long-acting injectables. These medications are as effective as daily pills and provide individuals with additional options. Ensuring every single person has an HIV prevention or treatment option that works for them is key to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Protect yourself. Get tested. Know your status. Learn what's next.

Knowing your status is the first step toward effective HIV prevention and treatment. People can reduce their risk for HIV by using appropriate prevention strategies, such as taking pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), using protection, and getting tested regularly. Contact a health care provider to find out if PrEP is recommended for you.

If you test positive for HIV, seeking HIV treatment is critical. Antiretroviral therapy can help people live longer, healthier lives. People living with HIV who take antiretroviral medication as prescribed and have an undetectable viral load cannot transmit HIV to their sexual partners. Both PrEP and HIV treatment medications are now available as pills and long-acting injectables.

We have the power to both prevent and treat HIV. Visit the [Know Your HIV Status](#) website to learn about testing options near you or order a free at-home HIV testing kit mailed directly to the address of your choice. For more information, call 1-800-FLA-AIDS, or 1-800-352-2437; en español, 1-800-545-SIDA; in Creole, 1-800-AIDS-101.

To learn more about DOH-Palm Beach's prevention and treatment options or to schedule an appointment for a no-cost HIV test, visit palmbeach.floridahealth.gov/

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2022 World AIDS Week Palm Beach County: Upcoming Events

Thursday-December 1st

Sponsoring Agency: Monarch Health Services

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Event Location: 2580 Metrocentre Blvd STE 1, West Palm Beach

Features: Free rapid HIV, HEP C and STD/STI Testing

For More Information: Fabianka DeJesus; fdejesus@monarchhealth.org; 561-523-4589 ext 406

Sponsoring Agency: Monarch Health Services

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Event Location: 600 N Congress Ave Unit 510, Delray Beach

Features: Free rapid HIV, HEP C and STD/STI Testing

For More Information: Fabianka DeJesus; fdejesus@monarchhealth.org; 561-523-4589 ext 406

Sponsoring Agency: FoundCare, Inc.

Date/Time: 12/1, 8:00am - 4:30pm

Event Location: 2330 South Congress Avenue, Palm Springs

Features: HIV/HCV Testing and Giveaways

For More Info: Contact Brittany Henry 561-472-9160 ext. 127

Sponsoring Agency: FDOH HIV/AIDS Program

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00am – 11:00am

Event Location: 1150 45th Street, West Palm Beach

Features: Free HIV testing, Giveaways, Free HIV At Home testing kits

For More Info: Steven Ospina; steven.ospina@flhealth.gov; 954-299-5925

Sponsoring Agency: FDOH HIV/AIDS Program

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00am – 11:00am

Event Location: 1250 Southwinds Dr, Lantana

Features: Free HIV testing, Giveaways, Free HIV At Home testing kits

For More Info: Steven Ospina; steven.ospina@flhealth.gov; 954-299-5925

Sponsoring Agency: FoundCare, Inc.

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Event Location: Light House Café, 400 SW Avenue B PI, Belle Glade

Features: HIV/HCV Testing and Giveaways

For More Info: **Contact** Brittany Henry 561-472-9160 ext. 127

Sponsoring Agency: FoundCare, Inc.

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00 - 12:00pm

Event Location: 1901 South Congress Avenue Ste 100, Boynton Beach

Features: HIV/HCV Testing and Giveaways

For More Info: Contact Brittany Henry 561-472-9160 ext. 127

Sponsoring Agency: Health Council of Southeast Florida

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Event Location: True Fast Outreach Ministries - 638 6th Street, West Palm Beach

Features: Health Education Resources; Free HIV testing; Giveaways

For More Info: Taylor Santiago | (561) 323-8541 | tsantiago@hcsef.org

Sponsoring Agency: Health Council of Southeast Florida

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Event Location: Florida Career College - 1743 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach

Features: Health Education Resources; Free HIV testing; Giveaways

For More Info: Taylor Santiago | (561) 323-8541 | tsantiago@hcsef.org

Sponsoring Agency: Keiser University

Date/Time: 12/1, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Event Location: Keiser University, 2600 N Military Trl, West Palm Beach

Features: Tabling, testing, presentations. Bringing awareness about World AIDS Day

Sponsoring Agency: Keiser University

Date/Time: 12/1 9:00am – 2:30pm

Event Location: Keiser University, 2085 Vista Pkwy, West Palm Beach

Features: Tabling, testing, presentations. Bringing awareness about World AIDS Day

Sponsoring Agency: Midway Specialty Care Center

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Event Location: 1515 N Flagler Drive Suite 200, West Palm Beach

Features: Free Rapid HIV testing and PrEP Education!

For More Info: 561-249-2279

Sponsoring Agency: Midway Specialty Care Center

Date/Time: 12/1, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Event Location: 5507 S. Congress Ave Suite 150, Atlantis

Features: Free Walk-In Rapid HIV testing and PrEP Education!

For More Info: 561-766-0590

Sponsoring Agency: Health Council of Southeast Florida

Date/Time: 12/1, 10:00am-2:00pm

Event Location: Palm Beach State College - 3160 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens

Features: Health Education Resources; Free HIV testing; Giveaways

For More Info: Taylor Santiago | (561) 323-8541 | tsantiago@hcsef.org

Sponsoring Agency: Health Council of Southeast Florida

Date/Time: 12/1, 10:00am-2:00pm

Event Location: The Richard and Annie Brooks Community Center - 594 W 4th Street, Riviera Beach

Features: Health Education Resources; Free HIV testing; Giveaways; Additional health screenings

For More Info: Taylor Santiago | (561) 323-8541 | tsantiago@hcsef.org

Sponsoring Agency: Medical Essentials Group

Date/Time: 12/1, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Event Location: 1440 N Federal Highway Ste. 18, Delray Beach

Features: Free HIV Testing and More

For More Info: Leslie Bravo 305-791-2797

Sponsoring Agency: Atrinity Health Center

Date/Time: 12/1, 11:00am – 2:00pm

Event Location: Palm Beach State College

Features: Free HIV tests – Promote PrEP program – Free condoms

For More Info: Cesar Cajas Menendez 561-855-8647

Sponsoring Agency: Families First PBC TOPWA Program

Date/Time: 12/1, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Event Location: Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach, 1123 Crestwood Blvd, Lake Worth

Features: Free HIV Testing, Pregnancy Testing, Free Program Enrollment (If applicable) Prizes, Giveaways, Raffles and Much More!!

For More Info: Ashaki Sypher 561-721-2887

Sponsoring Agency: FoundCare, Inc.

Date/Time: 12/1, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Event Location: Covenant Villas, 601 Covenant Dr, Belle Glade

Features: HIV/HCV Testing and Giveaways

For More Info: Contact Brittany Henry 561-472-9160 ext. 127

Sponsoring Agency: FoundCare, Inc.

Date/Time: 12/1, 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Event Location: Riviera Beach Marina, 190 E. 13th St., Riviera Beach

Features: HIV/HCV Testing and Giveaways, Special Guest, Rae Lewis- Thorton (Author & Emmy Award Winning AIDS Activist)

For More Info: Contact Brittany Henry 561-472-9160 ext. 127

Sponsoring Agency: Health Council of Southeast Florida

Date/Time: 12/1, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Event Location: Florida Atlantic University - 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton

Features: Health Education Resources; Free HIV testing; Giveaways

For More Info: Taylor Santiago | (561) 323-8541 | tsantiago@hcsef.org

World AIDS Day [RED]efine the Runway

Sponsoring Agency: FAU's Center for Inclusion, Diversity Education and Advocacy; FAU's Fashion Forward; FAU's Owls Care Health Promotion

Date/Time: 12/1, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Event Location: Florida Atlantic University's Student Union Lobby

Features: This event will be raising awareness, celebrating art, and learning about how far medicine has come. This Thursday we will learn about HIV/AIDs, how we can tackle the stigma and watch models slay!

For More Info: Follow @fau_ideas; @fau_fashionforward; @fauowls care on Instagram for details

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/1, 6:00pm

Event Location: Compass, 201 N Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth

Features: World AIDS Day 2022 Opening Ceremonies

For More Info: Enjoy speakers and a tour of Compass' display of the National AIDS Memorial Quilt on display till December 15, 2022

Dine & Drag

Sponsoring Agency: Triple H Ministries and Partners

Date/Time: 12/1, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Event Location: 190 E 13th Street, Riviera Beach

Features: Fundraising

For More Info: Caroline Hill; triplehministries7@gmail.com; 561-255-7711

Sponsoring Agency: Caridad Center

Date/Time: 12/1

Event Location: 8645 W. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach

Features: Free HIV test, Education Class, Raffle, Condon distribution.

For More Info: Aydeivis Jean Pierre, 561-737-6336 ext 117

Friday-December 2nd

Sponsoring Agency: Treatment Outreach Program

Date/Time: 12/2, 9:00am – 2:00pm

Event Location: 100 East Linton Blvd, Ste 504B, Delray Beach

Features: Free HIV testing, health education, giveaways

For More Info: Nicole Rossiter, 561-265-5306

Sponsoring Agency: Oceana Community Health

Date/Time: 12/2, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Event Location: 594 W 4th Street, Riviera Beach

Features: Free wellness exams for all participants, including but not limited to sphygmomanometer test, A1C testing, body temperature, pulse rate, respiration rate, weight, and BMI calculation.

For More Info: Dr. Youssef Motii, youssef@oceanahhealth.org

Community Healing & Reflection Ceremony

Sponsoring Agency: Triple H Ministries and Partners

Date/Time: 12/2, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Event Location: 190 E 13th Street, Riviera Beach

Features: Resource and fundraising event

For More Info: Caroline Hill; triplehministries7@gmail.com; 561-255-7711

Saturday-December 3rd

Motorcycle Ride 4 Life

Sponsoring Agency: Triple H Ministries and Partners

Date/Time: 12/3, 11:00am – 3:00pm

Event Location: Cunningham Park, Riviera Beach

Features: Free HIV Testing, Food, Games, Vendors, Giveaways

For More Info: Caroline Hill; triplehministries7@gmail.com; 561-255-7711

World AIDS Day Dance

Sponsoring Agency: Minority AIDS Initiative Network, Inc.

Date/Time: 12/3, 8:30pm – 12:00am

Event Location: The American Legion – Post #199, 1020 W 11th Street, West Palm Beach

Features: Ending the HIV Epidemic, \$5 Donation at the door – Cash Bar

For More Info: 561-201-4009, m.a.i.n.epr1216@gmail.com

Tuesday-December 6th

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/6, 6:30pm

Event Location: Palm Beach County Main Library - Summit Branch

Features: Adult HIV Talks

For More Info: Come learn about HIV Prevention and how we can all work together to HIV in Palm Beach County, Florida, The US, and Globally! Free to the public

Wednesday-December 7th

Sponsoring Agency: Monarch Health Services

Date/Time: 12/7, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Event Location: 2580 Metrocentre Blvd STE 1, West Palm Beach

Features: Free rapid HIV, HEP C and STD/STI Testing

For More Information: Fabianka DeJesus; fdejesus@monarchhealth.org; 561-523-4589 ext 406

Sponsoring Agency: Monarch Health Services

Date/Time: 12/7, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Event Location: 600 N Congress Ave Unit 510, Delray Beach

Features: Free rapid HIV, HEP C and STD/STI Testing

For More Information: Fabianka DeJesus; fdejesus@monarchhealth.org; 561-523-4589 ext 406

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/7, 6:00pm

Event Location: Compass, 201 N Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth Beach

Features: Community Education Series: Ending the Epidemic: A Discussion on Increasing Equity to End HIV

For More Info: RSVP with Raymond at 561-533-9699, ext 4008

Thursday-December 8th

Sponsoring Agency: Health Council of Southeast Florida

Date/Time: 12/8, 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Event Location: Villa Franciscan Apartments – 2101 Avenue F, Riviera Beach

Features: Health Education Resources; Free HIV testing; Giveaways

For More Info: Taylor Santiago | (561) 323-8541 | tsantiago@hcsef.org

Saturday-December 10th

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/10 via Zoom at 2:00pm

Event Location: Palm Beach County Library, Zoom

Features: Teen HIV Talks

For More Info: RSVP with Nia at 561-533-9699 ext. 4005

Monday-December 12th

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/12, 3:00pm

Event Location: Palm Beach County Library, Jupiter Branch

Features: Adult HIV Talks

For More Info: Come learn about HIV Prevention and how we can all work together to HIV in Palm Beach County, Florida, The US, and Globally! Free to the public

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/12, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Event Location: Compass, 201 N Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth Beach

Features: Youth Event

For More Info: Compass Youth Group Members only. For more information, contact Amanda Canete at amanda@compassqlcc.com

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/12, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Event Location: Compass, 201 N Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth Beach

Features: Quilt Tour

For More Info: Tours will be provided in Spanish. RSVP with Raymond at 561-533-9699, ext 4008

Wednesday-December 14th

Sponsoring Agency: Monarch Health Services

Date/Time: 12/14, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Event Location: 2580 Metrocentre Blvd STE 1, West Palm Beach

Features: Free rapid HIV, HEP C and STD/STI Testing

For More Information: Fabianka DeJesus; fdejesus@monarchhealth.org; 561-523-4589 ext 406

Sponsoring Agency: Monarch Health Services

Date/Time: 12/14, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Event Location: 600 N Congress Ave Unit 510, Delray Beach

Features: Free rapid HIV, HEP C and STD/STI Testing

For More Information: Fabianka DeJesus; fdejesus@monarchhealth.org; 561-523-4589 ext 406

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/14, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Event Location: Compass, 201 N Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth Beach

Features: Pride Business Alliance

For More Info: Join LGBTQ+ Business Owners and Allies for a business social followed by a tour of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. RSVP with Adrienne at 561-533-9699, ext 4022. \$10 Donors/\$25 Non-Donors

Thursday-December 15th

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/15, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Event Location: Palm Beach County Library- Delray Beach Branch

Features: PrEP Townhall

For More Info: Come learn about PrEP from providers, community members taking PrEP, and get all your questions answered! Free to the public

Tuesday-December 20th

Sponsoring Agency: Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center

Date/Time: 12/20, 2:00pm

Event Location: Palm Beach County Library, Lantana Branch

Features: Adult HIV Talks

For More Info: Come learn about HIV Prevention and how we can all work together to HIV in Palm Beach County, Florida, The US, and Globally! Free to the public