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# National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



February 7, 2022 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

In 1999, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) began as a grassroots-education effort to create awareness about HIV and AIDS in communities of color.

## NBHAAD and Community Education

NBHAAD helps educate the public about the effects of HIV/AIDS and advancements in treatment, including:

- Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, is a **pill taken by those without HIV to reduce their risk of contracting the disease from sex** by 99% and intravenous drug use by 74%.
- Post-exposure prophylaxis, or PEP, **prevents HIV if taken within three days of exposure.**
- Data shows **patients who maintain their HIV medication can become “undetectable.”** This means viral load is undetectable by a standard lab test and HIV cannot be transmitted through sex.
- Weill Cornell Medicine participated in a clinical trial funded by the National Institute of Health to study the results of a **new FDA-approved injectable medication used to treat HIV.**



## Did You Know?

**42%**

of new HIV cases are **diagnosed in African Americans.**

**57%**

of women diagnosed with HIV are **African American.**

**HIV mortality rates**

are highest among **African Americans and persons of multiple races.**

Find a healthcare provider at Weill Cornell Medicine to discuss any questions you have about HIV and AIDS care.



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