

December 1 is **World AIDS Day**

World AIDS Day is an opportunity to show support for people living with HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) and remember the more than 40 million people who died from illnesses related to HIV and AIDS. The day also helps raise awareness about what can be done to stop the spread of HIV.

HIV Is a Global Issue

38.4 million

Approximately **38.4 million people worldwide live with HIV**, including about 1.2 million Americans.

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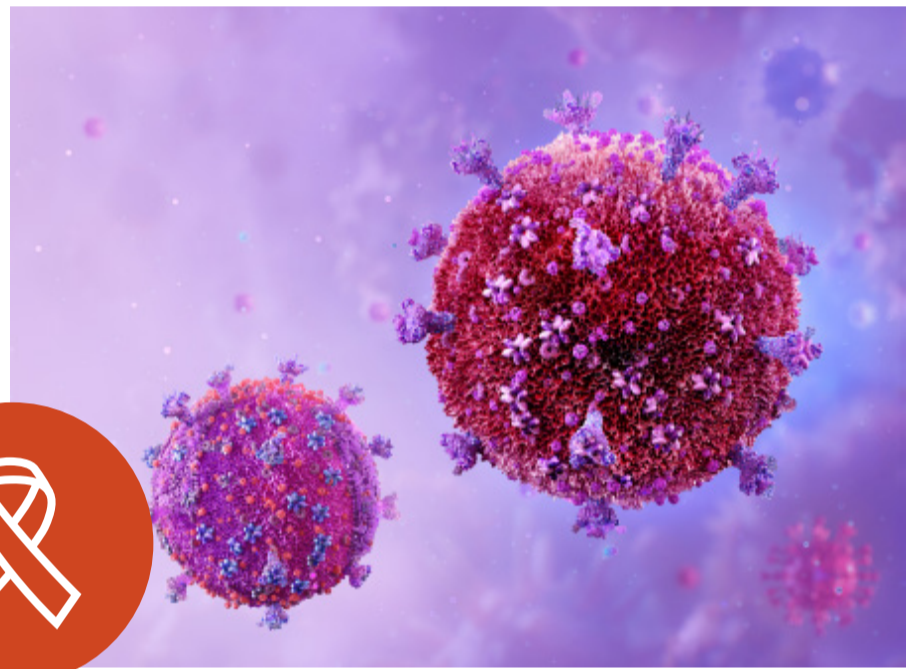
The U.S. accounted for roughly **30,000, or 2%, of the world's 1.5 million new HIV cases in 2020.**

Anyone Can Get HIV

Women and girls made up about **49% of new HIV cases** in 2021.

Gay and bisexual men, African Americans and Latinos are **the groups most at risk.**

One in 10 people living with HIV **doesn't know they have it.**



Treatment for HIV

There is no cure for HIV, but treatment can render the virus undetectable in the body within six months, ensuring it cannot be passed to another person during sex.

Prevent HIV Infections

Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, is medication to help prevent HIV infection. PrEP lowers the risk of contracting HIV through sex by 99% or from shared needles by 74%.



Know Your Status

According to the CDC, people ages **13 to 64 should be tested for HIV at least once.** More frequent testing is recommended if you are at high risk for HIV infection.

Want to know more about your risk of HIV infection?
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