



WORLD AIDS DAY

JOIN THE FIGHT!

DECEMBER 1ST

"IT IS BAD ENOUGH THAT PEOPLE ARE DYING OF AIDS, BUT NO ONE SHOULD DIE OF IGNORANCE." – ELIZABETH TAYLOR. DEC 1, 2023 ENDING AIDS AS A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT BY 2030 IS ACHIEVABLE. BUT REACHING THIS GOAL REQUIRES BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS KEEPING PEOPLE FROM VITAL SERVICES. EVERY 25 SECONDS, SOMEONE IN THE WORLD IS INFECTED WITH HIV. DEC 1, 2023

WORLD AIDS DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY COMMUNITY AND EACH INDIVIDUAL TO HONOR THE MORE THAN 32 MILLION PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED WORLDWIDE FROM AIDS-RELATED ILLNESS. DECEMBER I IS A DAY FOR VOICES TO UNITE BY SHARING EXPERIENCES, REMEMBERING THOSE LOST, AND STANDING TOGETHER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV. OCT 16, 2024

MISCONCEPTIONS:

- YOU CAN GET HIV FROM SHARING ITEMS: YOU CANNOT GET HIV FROM SHARING ITEMS LIKE CUTLERY, CUPS, DISHES, OR TOWELS
- YOU CAN GET HIV FROM KISSING, TOUCHING, OR BEING AROUND SOMEONE WHO IS HIV POSITIVE: YOU CANNOT GET HIV FROM KISSING, TOUCHING SOMEONE, USING THE SAME BATHROOM AS SOMEONE, COOKING AND EATING WITH THEM.
- YOU CAN IDENTIFY PEOPLE WHO ARE HIV POSITIVE BY THEIR APPEARANCE OR SYMPTOMS: YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY HIV-POSITIVE PEOPLE BY THEIR APPEARANCE OR SYMPTOMS.

- HIV ONLY AFFECTS CERTAIN SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS: ANYONE CAN CONTRACT HIV.
- HIV IS A DEATH SENTENCE: HIV IS TREATABLE, AND PEOPLE WITH HIV CAN LIVE A NORMAL, HEALTHY LIFE.
- YOU CAN'T HAVE SEX WITH SOMEONE WHO IS HIV POSITIVE WITHOUT RISKING GETTING HIV: PEOPLE WITH HIV WHO ARE CONSISTENTLY TAKING MEDICATION AND HAVE AN UNDETECTABLE VIRAL LOAD CANNOT SPREAD HIV THROUGH SEX