

WHAT IS HIV ?

The **Human Immunodeficiency Virus** affects your immune system, preventing it from fighting infections. This chronic illness eventually makes you vulnerable to all types of diseases and can lead to **AIDS**.

FACTS



There are **1.1 million** people diagnosed with HIV in the US.



16 % of people don't know they are infected.

AN ADDITIONAL 50,000 ARE DIAGNOSED EVERY YEAR.

HIV/AIDS IS PROMINENTLY AN **URBAN DISEASE**.



New York State has 3 times the national rate of people living with HIV (at 810 people for every 100,000 inhabitants).



Out of 3,809 new diagnosed cases of HIV in New York State, **25% came from the Bronx**.

POPULATION MOST AT RISK

Minorities are most exposed to HIV, and there is a strong correlation between poverty levels and potential HIV exposure.

AFRICAN AMERICAN

is the racial group most affected by HIV.

New HIV infection rate is **8 times that of non-hispanic whites**.

HISPANICS

New infection rate is **3 times** that of **non-Hispanic whites**.

BLACK AND HISPANIC WOMEN

are disproportionately affected. **84%** of them get HIV through **heterosexual contact**.

GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN

aged 13 to 24 is the most affected group.

COMMON HIV SYMPTOMS



Fever



Enlarged lymph nodes



Sore throat



Rash

DID YOU KNOW?

The body cannot get rid of HIV. If you get infected, you have it for life.

Most people don't get tested because of **negative perceptions of HIV** amongst peers:



Stigma



Homophobia



Discrimination



Fear

The main reasons for spreading are:



RISKY
sexual practices



SHARING
drug equipment

HOW TO PREVENT HIV

PREVENTION



Get tested and keep in mind that HIV indication may not show up on a HIV test until several weeks after infection.

Be cautious - limit risky sexual behavior, use barrier method to prevent entering in contact with the virus.

Be transparent - comply with treatment provided by physician and tell your partner.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis can help you prevent contracting HIV if highly exposed to the virus.

TREATMENT



If you are HIV-positive, **early diagnostics and treatment** can allow you to live comfortably so **act now!**

With no vaccine available, **Antiretroviral Therapy** is the most effective way of managing HIV and avoiding developing AIDS.



TAKE ACTION NOW.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to discuss the best option for you. They are here to help.

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