CDC's Progress in Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) is a **once in a lifetime opportunity** to reduce the number of new HIV infections in the United States by 90% by 2030. During the COVID-19 pandemic, EHE continues to be a national priority. CDC started scaling up HIV prevention activities in innovative ways to minimize disruptions. Success of this initiative will depend on sustained and expanded investments, community-driven action, improved health equity, and local innovation to meet each community's needs.

February 2019 | *Ending the HIV Epidemic* announced.

Summer 2019 | CDC awards $16.5 million from the HHS Minority HIV/AIDS Fund to three jumpstart sites and to all sites to develop community focused, multi-year EHE plans, with an emphasis on bringing new voices to the table.

December 2019 | CDC releases an EHE Vital Signs report that highlights the critical need for federal funding to focus on testing, treatment, prevention, and health disparities.

Summer 2020 | CDC awards $109 million to 32 state and local health departments that represent the 57 EHE jurisdictions.*

HHS launches America's HIV Epidemic Analysis Dashboard (AHEAD), a tool that provides national and jurisdictional data from CDC on the six EHE indicators.

CDC awards $2 million EHE supplemental capacity-building assistance funds to four regional technical assistance providers to assist local areas with community engagement.

September 2020 | CDC awards $2 million from HHS Minority HIV/AIDS Funds for mass mailing HIV self-tests to transgender women and to racial/ethnic minority communities.

October 2020 | CDC hires and sends seven additional Public Health Field Assignees (total 17) to EHE jurisdictions across the country to increase the HIV workforce capacity of health departments in these areas.

December 2020 | EHE jurisdictions submit updated plans by Dec 31st.

* EHE Jurisdictions include the 48 counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and seven states with substantial HIV diagnoses in rural areas that account for more than 50% of all new HIV diagnoses in the country.

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Community Engagement & Planning

CDC is committed to meaningful, ongoing community engagement in *Ending the HIV Epidemic*. While the COVID-19 pandemic presents unique challenges, CDC is working with jurisdictions to encourage creative solutions to continue bringing old and new partners into the planning and implementation process. Community engagement is paramount to EHE success. To facilitate effective engagement, CDC:

Developed community engagement planning guidance

Required documentation of engagement sessions and new partners for the planning process

Convened Regional Community Engagement Town Hall Virtual Sessions to educate, encourage, and empower the local community on the engagement and planning process

Required jurisdictions allocate at least 25% of the total implementation funds to support planning and implementation of EHE activities by community organizations

EHE Funding in Action

To jumpstart the initiative, CDC used HHS Minority HIV/AIDS funds to invest a total of $4.5 million in three "Jumpstart Sites" in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana; DeKalb County, Georgia; and Baltimore City, Maryland.* The successes and lessons learned from these sites will be shared to support nationwide EHE efforts.

DeKalb County, Georgia: Connecting more people to HIV prevention

DeKalb County's innovative programs are empowering people to lead longer, healthier lives by:

- Using nursing protocols to overcome challenges to access pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Creating a safe, trusted, and respectful space to talk about PrEP, sexual health, and HIV and STI prevention
- Delivering critical education, support, and follow-up care after a PrEP prescription
- Spreading the word about PrEP in the community, through marketing and social media campaigns and partnerships with community-based organizations

"Every conversation is unique. But whether I'm counseling a young gay man on his father's health insurance or a couple exploring their prevention options, I still measure success the same way — by the number of clients who walk out of my office feeling confident and empowered to protect themselves against HIV."

— Darlene McDougle, Public Health Educator, T.O. Vinson Health Center

* For more information on the Jumpstart sites, visit www.cdc.gov/endhiv/action/jumpstart.html.

For more information on the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative at CDC, visit **www.cdc.gov/endhiv**

All content is based on the most recent data available in December 2020.