

Ending the HIV Epidemic in Los Angeles County

By utilizing the right data, right tools & right leadership

The five-year federal initiative, *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America*, focuses on four key pillars to end the epidemic: (1) Diagnose people as early as possible, (2) Treat people rapidly and effectively, (3) Prevent new HIV transmissions, and (4) Respond quickly to HIV outbreaks. Through collaboration with key stakeholders and community partners, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Division of HIV & STD Programs, plans to implement activities that enhance the current HIV portfolio, align with the four pillars, improve HIV-related health outcomes, and prevent new transmissions.

57,005
people living with HIV
in LA County

1,200
new transmissions
per year

5,100
are unaware of their
HIV positive status

72,200
people would benefit
from PrEP

50,280
of the 72,200 are Black &
Latinx people who would
benefit from PrEP

Diagnose



- Increase routine opt out HIV testing in healthcare & institutional settings.
- Increase HIV testing programs in non-healthcare settings including self testing.
- Increase client's yearly HIV re-screening of persons with elevated HIV risk.

Prevent

- Utilize data to better identify and link persons with indication for PrEP.
- Expand PrEP access, including through telehealth and pharmacies.
- Improve PrEP retention in care through provider and consumer automated communication.
- Expand Syringe Services Programs to provide HIV prevention (and treatment) services and/or linked referrals.

Treat

- Facilitate rapid ART and linkage to care at partner clinics.
- Increase knowledge of and access to free and low-cost HIV services through the Ryan White Program.
- Assess and improve mental health services for people with HIV.
- Improve client experience by working with clinical staff.
- Develop programs that provide housing and emergency financial assistance services.



Respond

- Implement routine real-time cluster detection and response in hot spots and subpopulations via the County's Cluster Detection and Response Plan.
- Expand partner services to interview partners of people newly diagnosed with HIV as soon as possible.
- Continue to build surveillance infrastructure at the public health department.

Federal Funding in LA County

Various entities have received federal funding from HRSA, CDC & NIH to support ending the HIV epidemic goals and strategies, including the public health department, federally qualified health centers, AIDS Education Training Centers, and research partners.

FEDERAL PARTNERS

NATIONAL GOAL

75%
reduction in
new HIV
infections
by 2025
and at least
90%
reduction
by 2030



Did you know HIV cannot be transmitted sexually if a person maintains an undetectable viral load?
Learn more [here](#).

For more information on Ending the HIV Epidemic visit [HRSA](#) & [CDC](#) websites

Community engagement will play an important role in ending the HIV epidemic.

In collaboration with the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, PACE & other partners, the Division of HIV and STD Programs is:

- Increasing HIV education and awareness across the County.
- Developing partnerships outside of the HIV sector to ensure all community voices are included.
- Utilizing the [Ending the HIV Epidemic Steering Committee](#) to guide efforts & ensure communities most impacted by HIV are engaged.

We need your help! Get involved

- ✓ Share about the [Ending the HIV Epidemic \(EHE\)](#) Initiative in Los Angeles County.
- ✓ Email EHEInitiative@ph.lacounty.gov to sign up for the EHE Listserv.
- ✓ Learn more about [PrEP](#), the medication that prevents HIV. It's free for those who qualify.
- ✓ [Get tested](#) to know your status and encourage others to do the same.
- ✓ Educate yourself & others about [HIV](#) to reduce stigma.
- ✓ Attend Los Angeles County Commission on HIV [meetings](#) to get connected.