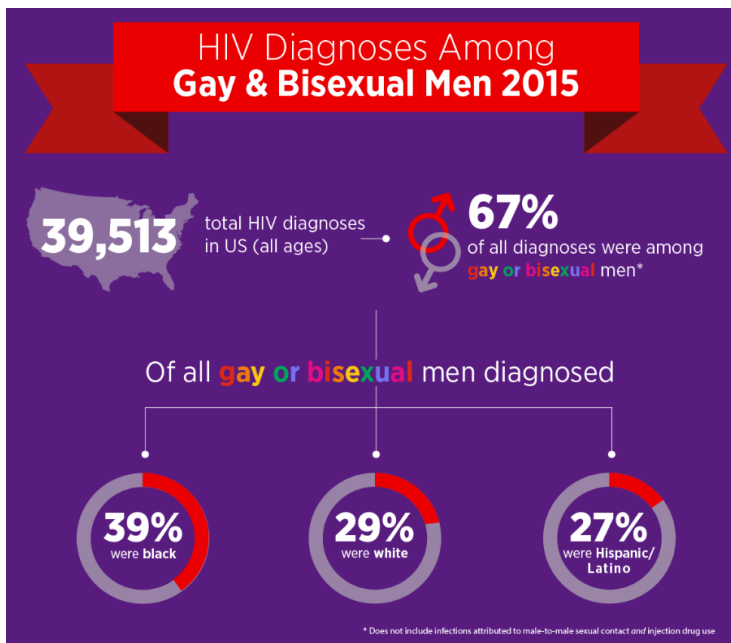


National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

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WHEN: September 27 is National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

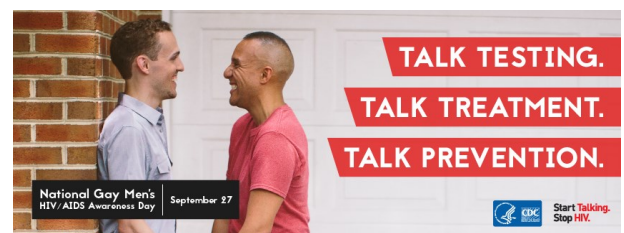
WHAT: This day of action focuses on what each of us can do to reduce the toll of HIV among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM). Although only 2% of the US population, gay and bisexual men account for more than half of the 1.2 million people living with HIV in the United States and two-thirds of all new diagnoses each year. More important, HIV continues to nationally disproportionately impact Latino and Black gay men at annual rates of 25% and 45%, respectively.



“As CDC reaffirms its commitment to reducing HIV’s impact among gay and bisexual men, today, we call on the entire gay community to re-engage in this fight and put HIV prevention back on the agenda. We ask gay and bisexual men to get tested, get treated, protect their health, and help stop the spread of HIV.”

- Dr. Jonathan Mermin, Director

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TALK PREVENTION: Condoms and taking PrEP, which is an FDA approved, CDC recommended daily prevention pill for HIV-negative people who are especially vulnerable to getting HIV. For more info www.PrEP4Illinois.com

GET TESTED: It is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. To locate a HIV testing site in IL, please call the HIV/STD Hotline at 800-243-2437.

GET TREATED: If you test positive for HIV, start recommended meds ASAP. They aid in reducing HIV levels in the body and decreases the risk of transmission.

Help us in **“Getting to Zero”** in IL!

- Zero new HIV infections.
- Zero people living with HIV who are not receiving treatment.

Distribution of HIV Disease Diagnoses among MSM by Age at Diagnosis and Race/Ethnicity, Illinois, 2011–2015

