

Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has launched Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America. The cross-agency initiative leverages critical scientific advances in HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and outbreak response by coordinating the highly successful programs, resources, and infrastructure of many HHS agencies and offices.

GOAL:

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



HHS will work with each community to establish local teams on the ground to tailor and implement strategies to:



Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible after infection.

Treat the infection rapidly and effectively to achieve sustained viral suppression.

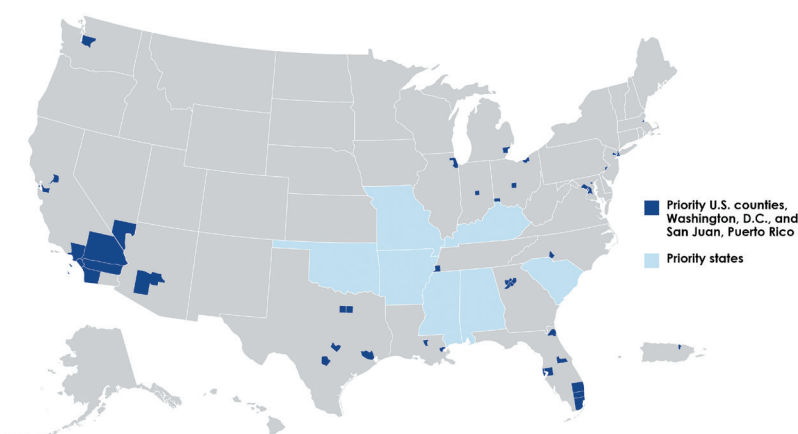


Prevent new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).

Respond quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.



The Initiative is focusing resources on areas where HIV transmission occurs most frequently.



Geographical Selection:

Data on burden of HIV in the US shows areas where HIV transmission occurs more frequently. More than 50% of new HIV diagnoses* occurred in only 48 counties, Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, 7 states have a substantial rural burden – with over 75 cases and 10% or more of their diagnoses in rural areas.



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*2016-2017 data

Ending the HIV Epidemic – Key Strategies:

Achieving elimination will require an infusion of resources to employ strategic practices in the right places targeted to the right people to maximize impact and end the HIV epidemic in America. Key strategies of the initiative include:




Treat: Implement programs to increase adherence to HIV medication, help people get back into HIV medical care and research innovative products that will make it easier for patients to access HIV medication.

Diagnose: Implement routine testing during key healthcare encounters and increase access to and options for HIV testing.



HIV HealthForce:
A boots-on-the-ground workforce of culturally competent and committed public health professionals that will carry out HIV elimination efforts in HIV hot spots.

Protect: Implement extensive provider training, patient awareness and efforts to expand access to PrEP.



Respond: Ensure that states and communities have the technological and personnel resources to investigate all related HIV cases to stop chains of transmission.

