

Dear Colleague,



Each year, we renew our commitment to improve the lives of people with HIV and ensure equitable access to prevention and care services. **We ask you to partner with us to end the HIV epidemic in Allegheny County and southwestern Pennsylvania.**

Today, people with HIV can live long, healthy lives thanks to improved treatment. Plus, powerful prevention tools – including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) – can practically eliminate transmission. Yet, despite these successes, progress has slowed, and far too many people in Allegheny County still are not benefiting equally from HIV prevention and care. In 2024, there were 78 new diagnoses in Allegheny County, and 28% of these were late diagnoses (i.e., diagnosed with AIDS within 90 days of HIV diagnosis). In recent years, women have accounted for approximately 20% of all new HIV diagnoses. Racial disparities in the burden of HIV still exist too, with an incidence rate 9 times higher for Black individuals than for white individuals in 2024.

AIDS Free Pittsburgh is a public health movement committed to ending the HIV epidemic in Allegheny County by 2030. **AIDS Free Pittsburgh asks that you and your clinic commit to:**

- 1. Normalizing routine HIV testing:** It is recommended everyone receive a test in their lifetime, and for many more frequently. If testing is not available at your clinic, you can refer to other locations.
- 2. Increasing access to PrEP:** Identifying eligible individuals and prescribing PrEP (pill or injection) is key to prevention. If your clinic does not prescribe PrEP, you can refer patients to other locations.
- 3. Improving linkage to care:** Efficiently linking individuals who test positive to treatment (ideally within 24-48 hours) ensures better health outcomes and faster times to viral suppression.

AIDS Free Pittsburgh provides support to local clinics to help with your HIV prevention efforts. AIDS Free Pittsburgh offers the following:

- 1. Lunch and Learns:** AFP can provide information on testing, prevention, and care to your clinic staff.
- 2. Care Options Guide:** Local clinics have “RAPID” phone numbers if somebody tests positive, which bypass central scheduling to ensure patients start treatment immediately (see Resources).
- 3. PrEP Toolkit for Providers:** AIDS Free Pittsburgh has developed a guide to assist with prescribing PrEP (see Resources).
- 4. Patient Resources for Your Clinic:** Scan the Resources code for examples and a free order form.
- 5. Linkage to Ryan White Program:** For individuals with HIV and an income $\leq 350\%$ of the Federal Poverty Level, medical/support services are available. Contact us for assistance referring patients.

Contact AIDS Free Pittsburgh at info@aidsfreepittsburgh.org or **(412) 773-1120**.

Your partnership is key to ending the HIV epidemic. Thank you for committing to this effort and for all that you do to ensure the wellbeing of residents in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,
AIDS Free Pittsburgh Collaborative



Resources



AIDS Free Pittsburgh

- [Website: aidsfreepittsburgh.org](https://aidsfreepittsburgh.org)
 - This webpage includes a searchable map to look for testing, PrEP, and care providers by zip code
 - If you would like a clinic added to this map, please email info@aidsfreepittsburgh.org or call 412-773-1120
- [Provider Resources](#)
- [PrEP Toolkit for Providers](#)
- [HIV Care Options Guide](#)
- [Example Patient Brochures](#)
- [Request Patient Brochures](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [General HIV Information: www.cdc.gov/hiv](https://www.cdc.gov/hiv)
- [HIV Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Resources for People with HIV](#)
- [Prevention and PrEP](#)
- [HIV Testing](#)
- [HIV and Mpox](#)

Allegheny County Health Department

- [HIV Services](#)
- [HIV Surveillance Data](#)
- [Public Health Clinic \(STI/HIV\)](#)
- [PrEP and PEP Information](#)
- [HIV & PrEP Patient Brochures](#)

Pennsylvania Department of Health

- [HIV Services](#)
- [HIV Surveillance Data](#)

Ryan White Program

- [Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program](#)
- [Ryan White Program Service Information](#)

MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center

- [Training Center](#)
- [Clinical Tools and Resources](#)
- [Archived Trainings](#)

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