

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 in Year 1 that enhance the current HIV portfolio, align with the four pillars, improve HIV-related health outcomes, and prevent new transmissions.

57,700
people living with HIV
in LA County

1,700
new transmissions
per year

6,400
are unaware of their
HIV positive status

50,660
Black & Latinx people
who would benefit
from PrEP

72,700
MSM*, transwomen,
ciswomen & injection
drug users would benefit
from PrEP

Diagnose



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

Prevent

- Utilize data to better identify persons with indication for PrEP and link to services
- Expand PrEP service delivery & provider options, including telehealth and pharmacies
- Improve PrEP retention in care through provider and consumer programming
- Expand Syringe Services Programs

Treat

- Expand partner services to facilitate rapid ART and linkage to care
- Increase knowledge of and access to HIV services
- Assess mental health services to identify gaps in care
- Improve client experience by working with clinical staff
- Increase opportunities for telehealth
- Develop programming that provides services related to housing and emergency financial assistance



Respond

- Facilitate real-time cluster detection and response through protocol development and trainings
- Implement routine epidemiological analysis of new infections in hot spots and subpopulations
- Monitor and assess clusters identified through recency testing
- Continue to build surveillance infrastructure at the public health department

Data estimates pulled from the [Division of HIV & STD Programs: 2019 HIV Surveillance Annual Report](#), & [2018 LA County Health Survey](#)

*MSM: men who have sex with men

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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





 Health Resources & Services Administration

 Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

 National Institutes of Health

 Indian Health Service

 Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

 PACE Team, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health

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 & STD Programs will:

- Increase HIV education and awareness across the County
- Develop partnerships outside of the HIV sector to ensure all community voices are included.
- Convene an Ending the HIV Epidemic Steering Committee to guide efforts & ensure communities most impacted by HIV are engaged.

We need your help! Get involved

- ✓ Spread the word about the [Ending the HIV Epidemic \(EHE\)](#) initiative
- ✓ Learn more about [PrEP](#), the daily pill 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
- ✓ Stay tuned for EHE updates at <https://www.lacounty.hiv/>



Did you know HIV cannot be transmitted sexually if a person maintains an undetectable viral load?

Learn more [here](#).