

# 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



## 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



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 & 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](#) 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
- ✓ Apply for the Ending the HIV Epidemic Steering Committee