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## ON WORLD AIDS DAY, DOH-MIAMI-DADE CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS



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**Miami, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County unites with people and communities worldwide as we observe World AIDS Day on December 1, by showing support for people living with HIV and honoring those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. This year’s national theme is “Know Your Status.”

Over 1.1 million people in the US are living with HIV, and 1 in 7 of them don’t know it. The department remains fully committed to fighting the spread of HIV in Florida and helping connect individuals who are positive with lifesaving treatment and services.

Florida is a national leader in HIV testing. DOH and our partners throughout Florida have made great strides in prevention, identifying infections early and getting people into treatment, however there is still much work to be done. The department is focusing on four key strategies to make an even greater impact on reducing HIV rates in Florida and getting to zero, including:

- Routine screening for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and implementation of CDC testing guidelines;
- Increased testing among high-risk populations and providing immediate access to treatment as well as re-engaging HIV positive persons into the care system, with the ultimate goal of getting HIV positive persons to an undetectable viral load;
- The use of PrEP and nPEP as prevention strategies to reduce the risk of contracting HIV; and
- Increased community outreach and awareness about HIV, high-risk behaviors, the importance of knowing one’s status and if positive, quickly accessing and staying in treatment.

With early diagnosis, individuals can begin appropriate treatment and care resulting in better health outcomes. Studies have shown that providing antiretroviral therapy as early as possible after diagnosis improves a patient’s health, reduces transmission and can eventually lead to undetectable viral loads of HIV. This model has been successfully implemented in Florida and there are currently 46 Test and Treat sites operating statewide.

As part of our strategic efforts to eliminate HIV in Florida, the Department of Health is currently working to make Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) medication available at no cost at all of the 67 county health departments within the next year. PrEP is a once-daily pill that can reduce the risk of acquiring HIV in HIV-negative individuals. **PrEP should be used in conjunction with other prevention methods like condoms to reduce the risk of infection.** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), taking PrEP daily reduces the risk of getting HIV by more than 90 percent.

To make an appointment at the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County PrEP Clinic, contact 305-575-3800 and click on option 3. For other locations, visit [www.prelocator.org](http://www.prelocator.org).

PrEP will be made available through CHD STD and Family Planning Clinics and patients can be provided with up to a 90-day supply of medications. Some CHDs may offer PrEP through a specialty clinic. Visit [floridahealth.gov](http://floridahealth.gov) to locate the CHD in your county.

Every CHD also offers high-quality HIV testing services. Testing can be completed at your local county health department or you can locate HIV counseling, testing and referral sites by visiting [www.testmiami.org](http://www.testmiami.org), [www.KnowYourHIVStatus.com](http://www.KnowYourHIVStatus.com) or texting your zip code to 477493.

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and community partners will be collaborating to host numerous community events to raise awareness, show support for people living with HIV, and remember those we have lost to AIDS. Please visit [www.testmiami.org](http://www.testmiami.org) to see a list of events for World AIDS Day.

For more information, call the Florida AIDS Hotline at 1-800-FLA-AIDS or 1-800-352-2437; En Español, 1-800-545-SIDA; In Creole, 1-800-AIDS-101.

### **About the Florida Department of Health**

The department, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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# World AIDS Day Calendar of Events 2018



**Date: Thursday, November 29, 2018**

**Location:** Florida International University - Biscayne Bay Campus: Wolfe University Center Panther Square, 3000 Northeast 151st Street, Miami, FL 33181

**Time:** 11AM to 3PM

**Event Activities:** World AIDS Day is one of LGBTQA Initiatives signature events at FIU and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate people who passed away. The event will consist of a resource fair, free HIV testing, free lunch, and feature a moment of remembrance by the bay area to remember those lost to HIV/AIDS.

**Contact:** Justin Santoli, 305-919-5361 or jsantoli@fiu.edu

**Date: Thursday, November 29, 2018**

**Location:** Florida International University-Modesto Maidique Campus: 11200 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL 33199

**Time:** Resource Fair (in the Graham Center): 11AM to 3PM and Block Party (in Housing Quad) from 5PM to 9PM

**Event Activities:** World AIDS Day is one of LGBTQA Initiatives signature events at FIU and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate people who passed away. The event will consist of a resource fair, free HIV/STD testing, free food and feature a candlelight vigil to remember those lost to HIV/AIDS.

**Contact:** Brandon (Gray) Wise, 305-348-7690 or brwise@fiu.edu

**Date: Thursday, November 29, 2018 & Friday, November 30, 2018**

**Location:** Blanche Morton Hialeah Neighborhood Center: 300 E 1st Ave, Hialeah, FL 33010

**Time:** 9AM to 4PM

**Event Activities:** Free HIV testing, counseling, and education about HIV and AIDS.

**Contact:** Maria I. G. Betancourt, 305-773-1259 or familyaids@aol.com

**Date: Friday, November 30, 2018**

**Location:** Miami Beach Community Health Center: 710 Alton Road, Miami Beach, FL 33139

**Time:** 9AM to 12PM

**Event Activities:** HIV Awareness, Education and free condoms available.

**Contact:** Ukrania Masso, 305-538-8835 Ext 1112 or ukraniam@mbchc.com

**Date: Friday, November 30, 2018**

**Location:** Miami Beach Community Health Center: 11645 Biscayne Blvd, Miami Beach, FL 33141

**Time:** 9AM to 12PM

**Event Activities:** HIV Awareness, Education and free condoms available.

**Contact:** Ukrania Masso, 305-538-8835 Ext 1112 or ukraniam@mbchc.com

**Date: Friday, November 30, 2018**

**Location:** Miami Beach Community Health Center: 1221-71 Street, Miami Beach, FL 33141

**Time:** 9AM to 12PM

**Event Activities:** HIV Awareness, Education and free condoms available.

**Contact:** Ukrania Masso, 305-538-8835 Ext 1112 or ukraniam@mbchc.com

**Date: Friday, November 30, 2018**

**Location:** Community Health of South Florida: 10300 SW 216th Street, Miami, FL 33190

**Time:** 10AM to 2PM

**Event Activities:** Annual program with a mini health fair, speakers, entertainment, food, and more!

**Contact:** Tabitha Hunter, 305-252-4889 or thunter@chisouthfl.org

**Date: Friday, November 30, 2018**

**Location:** Empower U, Inc: 7900 NW 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33147

**Time:** 10AM to 5PM

**Event Activities:** Free HIV, STI, Hep C, Health Screenings, prevention information including PrEP.

**Contact:** Elizabeth Davis, 786-318-2337 or edavis@empower-u-miami.org

**Date: Friday, November 30, 2018**

**Location:** Miami Dade College-North Campus: Building 4 Grass Area, 11380 NW 27th Ave, Miami, FL 33167

**Time:** 11AM to 4PM

**Event Activities:** HIV/AIDS Awareness event featuring community resources and free HIV/STD Testing.

**Contact:** Lorraine Wright, 305-237-1270 or lwright1@mdc.edu

**Date: Friday, November 30, 2018 & Saturday, December 1**

**Location:** Grand Beach Hotel: 9449 Collins Ave, Surfside, FL 33154

**Time:** Friday: 1PM to 7PM and Saturday: 8AM to 4PM

**Event Activities:** The South FL SouthEast AIDS Education and Training Center presents the 2018 Practice Transformation Conference: Scaling the Care Continuum Toward a Cure! This is a two-day event. Topics include: History and Global Impact of HIV, Routine HIV Testing and Screening, Antiretroviral Therapy, PrEP and PEP, Opportunistic Infections, HIV, Culture, Mental Health and Adherence and Patient Centered Medical Home and Specialty Care. AETC can cover a one-night stay at the Grand Beach Hotel for participants attending both days of the conference. Please contact organizer for additional information.

**Contact:** Tivisay Gonzalez, 786-506-1954 or tgonzalez1@med.miami.edu

**Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018**

**Location:** Community Health of South Florida: 10300 SW 216th Street, Miami, FL 33190

**Time:** 7:30AM to 2PM

**Event Activities:** 1st Annual AIDS Walk with a mini health fair.

**Contact:** Tabitha Hunter, 305-252-4889 or thunter@chisouthfl.org

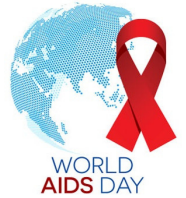


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# World AIDS Day Calendar of Events 2018



**Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018**  
**Location:** Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall Social-Economic Institute: 5120 NW 24th Ave, Miami, FL 33147  
**Time:** 9AM to 2PM  
**Event Activities:** Free HIV testing, services, entertainment and testimonies.  
**Contact:** M. Denise Lee-Kinsler, 404-207-7695 or monesterlee@gmail.com

**Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018**  
**Location:** 753 West Palm Drive FL City, Florida 33034  
**Time:** 9AM to 1:30PM  
**Event Activities:** Free HIV/STD, Hepatitis C, prevention education resources, prescription of and evaluation for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), including information and assessment, medical evaluation, laboratory testing and other screening and services will be provided.  
**Contact:** Dawn Fontus, 786-582-3145 or Dawn.Fontus@flhealth.gov

**Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018**  
**Location:** Liberty Square Community Center: 6304 NW 14th Ave, Miami, FL 33147  
**Time:** 11AM to 4PM  
**Event Activities:** The CHAMP Program will celebrate their 2nd anniversary in Liberty City with one important goal in mind: Always Know Your Status. Event will feature a community Block Party to honor those lost to HIV/AIDS and celebrate the success of the ongoing efforts to fight HIV. Free HIV/STD screenings will be available.  
**Contact:** Wendy Aquino/ Zachary Gardner, 305-305-5353/248-357-6625 or waquino@borinquenhealth.org/zdgardner@yahoo.com

**Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018**  
**Location:** 2001 NW 35th Street, Miami, FL 33142  
**Time:** 4PM to 7PM  
**Event Activities:** Annual gospel extravaganza, testimonies, prayer vigil and free HIV testing. Organizers are asking participants to bring unwrapped toys for families with children living with HIV/AIDS.  
**Contact:** Eileen Robinson/David Smith, 305-469-7363/786-587-4048 or dsmother@hotmail.com

**Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018**  
**Location:** Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall Social-Economic Institute: 5120 NW 24th Ave, Miami, FL 33147  
**Time:** 6PM to 8PM  
**Event Activities:** HIV/AIDS Awareness Symposium hosted by the Family Foundation and Delta Care. Free HIV testing will be available.  
**Contact:** Rev. Darryl Baxter, 305-978-7100 or revbaxter@yahoo.com

**Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018**  
**Location:** Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM): 1103 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33132  
**Time:** 6:30PM to 9:30PM  
**Event Activities:** Contact the organizer for free tickets: AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), will host an awareness event featuring an art exhibit showcasing artists of the Latino community surrounding the theme WAD "Keeping the Promise" and a viewing of the "Keeping the Promise" Documentary narrated by the phenomenal Meryl Streep.  
**Contact:** Silvana Erbstein, 786-494-6787 or Silvana.erbstein@aidshealth.org

**Date: Monday, December 3, 2018**  
**Location:** AM 1490 WMBM Radio Station: 13242 NW 7th Ave, North Miami, FL 33167  
**Time:** 2PM to 6PM  
**Event Activities:** Free HIV/STD Testing, open enrollment, PrEP and PEP education.  
**Contact:** Crystal Lee, 305-244-7128 or cdlee1257@gmail.com

**Date: Monday, December 3, 2018**  
**Location:** Miami Dade College-Medical Campus: Student Life: 950 NW 20th Street Miami, FL 33172  
**Time:** 11AM to 1PM  
**Event Activities:** Free HIV testing and AIDS Awareness Walk around the Medical Campus.  
**Contact:** Dr. Dadilia Garces/ Ms. Peggy Martin, 305-237-4353/305-237-4539 or dgarces@mdc.edu/pmartin4@mdc.edu

**Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2018**  
**Location:** Stephen P. Clark Government Center: 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128  
**Time:** 11AM to 6PM  
**Event Activities:** Commemorating 30 years of World AIDS Day, the event will feature a community resource fair, free HIV/STD testing, and a HIV/AIDS awareness program. View HIV/AIDS inspired artwork in the lobby from December 1st to December 15th.  
**Contact:** Praveena Saxena, praveena.saxena@flhealth.gov

**Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018**  
**Location:** Turner Tech Senior High School: 10151 NW 19th Ave, Miami, FL 33147  
**Time:** 2PM to 6PM  
**Event Activities:** Free HIV/STD and Hepatitis C screenings.  
**Contact:** Randy Aguiar, 786-535-8285 or randy.aguiar@flhealth.gov

**Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018**  
**Location:** Gramps: 176 NW 24th St, Miami, FL 33127  
**Time:** 4PM to 9PM  
**Event Activities:** HIV/AIDS Awareness and Outreach event. Free condoms and educational materials will be available.  
**Contact:** Pam Ungvary, 305-458-2356 or pam.ungvary@westcare.com

**Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018**  
**Location:** Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex: 3300 NW 199th Street (Auditorium) Miami Gardens, FL 33056  
**Time:** 8AM to 1PM  
**Event Activities:** A recognition awareness event of those individuals and organizations that work tirelessly to educate the community about HIV/AIDS. It is a memorial to those who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. The event encourages everyone to remove the stigma surrounding HIV and through education and compassion. Free HIV testing available.  
**Contact:** Sardebra Wright/ Hilary Marshall, 786-488-2004/305-822-8062 or sardebrawright@gmail.com/hmarshall@miamigardens-fl.gov



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