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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RECOGNIZES WORLD AIDS DAY – DECEMBER 1ST



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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 by showing support for people living with HIV and honoring those we have lost. The theme for the 2022 observance is *“Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV.”*

Ending HIV in Florida requires the collective effort of all Floridians and knowing your HIV status is the first step. Your HIV status determines the prevention or care options that are right for you. Florida is a national leader in HIV testing, and there are many ways to get tested. Visit www.testmiami.org to order a free at-home test kit or to learn about testing providers in your area.

It is crucial that people diagnosed with HIV begin treatment as soon as possible. Immediate treatment with antiretroviral therapy (ART) typically leads to long, healthy lives for people with HIV. It’s also a method of HIV prevention. ART reduces the amount of HIV in the body, which makes it harder to transmit to others.

There are more tools available than ever to prevent HIV. A health care provider can help you determine appropriate next steps, which might include taking PrEP, regular testing and using condoms to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV.

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 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 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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LIST OF EVENTS

Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 & Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Florida International University: Graham Center: 11200 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL 33199

Time: 9AM to 5PM

Contact for the event: Virginia Munoz: 786-618-4356 or virginia.munoz@flhealth.gov

Details: Florida International University will be hosting a free Community Health Fair with an educational table and distribution of In-Home HIV Testing kits

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Holy Family Episcopal Church: 18501 NW 7th Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33169

Time: 9AM to 12PM

Contact for the event: Alecia Tramel: 305-521-7966 or positivepeoplenetwork1@gmail.com

Details: PPN will be hosting their annual World AIDS Day food distribution. Free HIV and Hep C testing and vendor table with condoms, HIV Home Test Kits, and information regarding Testing, PrEP, and nPEP services will be provided by CAN Community Health. Volunteers are welcome to participate. Contact Alecia to volunteer or for more information

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Miami Beach Community Health Center (MBCHC) will be hosting an event at 3 locations:

-SCM location: 710 Alton Road, Miami Beach, FL 33139 in 3rd waiting area

-BPC location: 1221 71st Street, Miami Beach, FL 33141 in the Main waiting area

-North Miami location: 11900 Biscayne Blvd, North Miami, FL 33181 on the 7th Floor

Time: 9AM to 12PM

Contact for the event: SCM Location: Jose Echemendia: 305-538-8835 ext. 1112 or jechemendia@mbchc.com; BPC location: Manuel Vazquez: 305-538-8835 ext. 2222; North Miami location: Marie Jean Mary: 305-538-8835 ext. 1513 or mmarijean@mbchc.com

Details: Conversations, quizzes, engaging games to promote HIV/AIDS awareness. Free condom distribution and encouragement to test for HIV to "know your status"

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Borinquen Medical Centers: 3601 Federal Highway Miami, FL 33137

Time: 9AM to 3PM

Contact for the event: Stephanie Stonestreet: 786-971-8082 or sstonestreet@borinquenhealth.org

Details: Free HIV/STD testing and Speaker

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Florida Memorial University: 15800 NW 22nd Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33054

Time: 9:30AM to 3PM

Contact for the event: Roselaine Monestime: 786-368-7274 or rmonestime@jtchs.org

Details: Jessie Trice Community Health System will be hosting a free event offering music, give-aways, gift cards, free HIV testing, STD screening, Blood Pressure screening, Health Care access, dental, and Health education. iPad for eligible candidates and free wifi services, raffles and more

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Simply Healthcare Community Resource Center: 1905 W 35 Street, Hialeah Florida 33012

Time: 10AM to 2PM

Contact for the event: Alesia McPhaul: 786-318-2337 ext. 310 or AMcPhaul@euchc.org

Details: Empower U Community Health Center, Clear Health Alliance, Simply Healthcare, and partners will be hosting a free event uniting women of color living with HIV to fellowship, develop a greater emotional support system, and empower them through conversation on various health and wellness topics

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Midway Specialty Care Center will be providing services at 3 locations:

-Mercy location: 3661 South Miami Avenue, Suite 1002, Miami, FL 33133

-Miami Beach location: 4308 Alton Road, Suite 860, Miami Beach, FL 33140

-South Miami location: 7000 SW 62nd Ave., Suite 320, South Miami, FL 33143

Time: 10AM to 2PM

Contact for the event: Mercy location: Jessica Pardillo: 786-772-0320 or jpardillo@midwaycare.org; Miami Beach location: Michelle Perez: 305-674-2766 or mperez@midwaycare.org; South Miami location: Keila Borges: 305-740-6071 or kborges@midwaycare.org

Details: Free Rapid HIV & HCV testing. Individuals will know their HIV and/or HCV status within 20 minutes of testing. HIV prevention education will be offered

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Miami-Dade College North Campus: 11380 NW 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33167

Time: 12PM to 4PM

Contact for the event: Jamie Marques: 786-862-8444 or jmarques@projectaccessfoundation.org

Details: The Project Access Foundation will partner with MDC North Campus to host a student panel to increase education and awareness of HIV prevention and treatment strategies with this high priority population

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Care 4 U Community Health Center: 4690 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33127

Time: 12PM to 8PM

Contact for the event: Stephanie Samuel: 305-835-0101 or ssamuel@care4u.org
Details: Care 4 U Community Health Center will be hosting a World AIDS Day event featuring HIV, COVID, and STD Testing, a Wall of Remembrance, reading of names and displaying photos during a Candlelight Vigil to remember those who have passed away due to HIV/AIDS. Event will end with a Bicycle Ride for those who are affected by and in remembrance of those that passed from HIV

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Liberty Square Community Health Center: 6304 NW 14th Avenue., Miami, FL 33147

Time: 1PM to 2PM

Contact for the event: Jakisha M. Blackmon: 305-725-5653 or jmb506@med.miami.edu

Details: University of Miami will host an event featuring topic: COVID-19 & HIV Are Not Gone. Connecting Liberty Square residents and community to health resources to End the HIV Epidemic and health disparities in poor, traumatized, and marginalized communities

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: The Carrie Meek Foundation: 4000 NW 142nd Street, Opa-Locka, FL 33054

Time: 6PM to 8:30PM

Contact for the event: Joyce Postell: 305-490-9197 or deltacareincdade@gmail.com

Details: World AIDS Day forum to educate the community on the affects of HIV/AIDS. This event is in partnership with DeltaCare, Incorporation, Dade County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Family Foundation, Starbucks and the Carrie Meek Foundation

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Indigo Hotel: 145 SW 11th Street, Building 1 Miami, FL 33130

Time: 6PM to 10PM

Contact for the event: Thaydee Mejias: 786-315-3969 or thaydeee@prevention305.org

Details: In recognition of World AIDS Day, Prevention 305 will host a cocktail party at Indigo Hotel. Event will feature entertainment, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, music, raffles. RSVP on Eventbrite.com

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location: Care Resource: 3510 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33137

Time: 7PM to 9:30PM

Contact for the event: Jonathan Welsh: 305-576-1234 ext. 249 or jwelsh@careresource.org

Details: Care Resource is hosting a tribute to World AIDS Day with the theme, "Healing Through the Arts" on the rooftop of their Midtown Miami health center located on 3510 Biscayne Boulevard. The night includes dance performances by the United Ballroom Houses of South Florida, an array of donated and radiant art pieces, poetry readings, a candlelight vigil, and more. This event incorporates four pillars to ending the epidemic that include: diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and response. This tribute is an opportunity to recognize, honor and celebrate the medical advancements made during the past 30 years

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Date: Friday, December 2, 2022

Location: Optimal Health Foundation: 17235 NW 27th Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33056

Time: 11AM to 3PM

Contact for the event: Deshaun Jones: 305-705-4024 or ohfcoordination@gmail.com

Details: Optimal Health Foundation will be hosting a World AIDS Day Barbeque. For more information and to RSVP visit: <https://bit.ly/OHFWorldAidsDay>

Date: Friday, December 2, 2022

Location: Barry University: 11300 NE 2nd Ave, Miami Shores, FL 33161

Time: 11AM to 4PM

Contact for the event: info@healthempowermentnetwork.org

Details: The Community Health and Community Health and Empowerment Network, Inc. and Partners will host a World AIDS Day Women & Girls on Fire Luncheon. This free event will feature speakers, gifts and prizes, poetry, and an HIV/AIDS Panel to commemorate World AIDS Day. Lunch will be provided. RSVP: <https://4thwomenandgirlsluncheon.eventbrite.com>. Registration will close when full

Date: Friday, December 2, 2022

Location: Survivors Pathway Conference Center: 1801 Coral Way Suite 200, Miami, FL 33145

Time: 6PM to 9PM

Contact for the event: Yahima Ocon: 305-900-9898 or yocon@survivorspathway.org

Details: Thriving with HIV: Saliendo Adelante con VIH event will feature timeline of the HIV epidemic, struggles, advancements in ART, overcoming stigmas through education, and various communities of U=U and I=I

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022

Location: JL (Joe) and Enid W. Demps Park: 11350 SW 216th Street, Miami, FL 33170

Time: 8AM to 1PM

Contact for the event: Laquica Tuff: 786-817-9210 or lbuff@chisouthfl.org

Details: Community Health of South Florida, Inc. is hosting its 1st Annual World AIDS Day Walk. In addition to the walk, the event will include a community awareness health & resource fair providing health screenings and HIV testing, children's entertainment and more

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022

Location: Star Free Will Baptist Church: 1455 NW 53rd Street, Miami, FL 33142

Time: 10AM to 1PM

Contact for the event: Ashley Cason: 754-701-6911 or arichardson@cancommunityhealth.org

Details: CAN Community Health will provide free HIV and Hep C testing at the Recover, Restart, Refresh Farm Share event. CAN will also provide condoms, HIV Home Test Kits, and linkage to their PrEP and nPEP services. For more information, contact the Executive Director, Dashaneka Wright: dwright@rrinc.org

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022

Location: U-Haul Storage: 5341 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33127

Time: 10AM to 2PM

Contact for the event: 754-367-1714 or 786-229-4330

Details: Leap of Faith will be hosting a World AIDS Event with health screenings, prizes, music, and entertainment

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022

Location: Gulfstream Park, Sport of Kings Ballroom: 901 S Federal Highway, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

Time: 6PM to 11PM

Contact for the event: Ashley Cason: 754-701-6911 or arichardson@cancommunityhealth.org

Details: The Code Red Gala, presented by the Rapha Center, highlight individuals in the community that are committed and dedicated to making a difference in their community. CAN Community Health will have a vendor table with condoms, HIV Home Test Kits, and information about testing, PrEP, and nPEP services

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Location: Miami Dade College - Medical Campus: 950 NW 20th Street, Miami, FL 33127

Time: 10AM to 2PM

Contact for the event: Giovanni Hernandez: 305-609-5534 or ghernandez@midwaycare.org

Details: Midway Specialty Care Center will partner with Miami Dade College to provide Free Rapid HIV and Free Rapid Hepatitis testing at the Medical Campus. Safe sex practices and prevention education will be provided. Individuals will know their HIV and Hep C status within 20 minutes

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022

Location: Main Library in the Lobby: 101 West Flagler Street Miami, Florida 33130

Time: 1:30PM to 5:30PM

Contact for the event: George N. Gibson: 786-488-2108 or Flashlightofhope@yahoo.com

Details: Free Information on Health and Human Services at a table exhibit in the lobby of the library. This includes free condoms, dental dams, and lubricants. Also, a limited supply of coloring books and crayons will be available for children. Coloring books and crayons will be available until supplies are depleted

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Location: South Dade Regional Library, 2nd Floor Auditorium: 10750 SW 211th Street Cutler Bay, Florida 33189

Time: 6PM to 7:30PM

Contact for the event: George N. Gibson: 786-488-2108 or Flashlightofhope@yahoo.com

Details: Coping with Grief (Bereavement) during the Holidays presentation will help grieving families, significant others, and friends in coping with grief during the holidays whether or not the person died from AIDS

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2022

Location: Hosted at Stop Safety First Northside Shopping Center: 7900 NW 27 Avenue Miami, Florida 33147. Behind the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and next to Sophisticated Hair Unisex Salon

Time: 6PM to 8PM

Contact for the event: George N. Gibson: 786-488-2108 or Flashlightofhope@yahoo.com

Details: The bereavement support group is open to grieving families, significant others, and friends whether or not the person died from AIDS. Also, the group is open to anyone who might be anticipating a death (anticipatory grief)

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2022

Location: Newport Beachside Hotel: 16701 Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160

Time: 7PM to 10PM

Contact for the event: info@healthempowermentnetwork.org and/or patricia.defechereux@gladstone.ucsf.edu

Details: HOPE MDC, NIH/MDC's, Positive People Network, Community Health and Empowerment Network and Partners present "Bringing HOPE to Miami for Ending HIV/AIDS". This free event will feature speakers, music, poetry, dance, art, dinner, and HIV updates. Register online at www.eventbrite.com or www.healthempowermentnetwork.org

Date: Monday, December 19, 2022

Location: South Dade Regional Library, inside the entrance of the library: 10750 SW 211th Street Cutler Bay, Florida 33189

Time: 3:30PM to 7:30PM

Contact for the event: George N. Gibson: 786-488-2108 or Flashlightofhope@yahoo.com

Details: Free Information on Health and Human Services at a table exhibit at the entrance, inside of the library. This includes free condoms, dental dams, and lubricants. Also, a limited supply of coloring books and crayons will be available for children. Coloring books and crayons will be available until supplies are depleted

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