

Ending the HIV Epidemic in the Bronx

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Envisioning a New York City without transmission or illness related to viral hepatitis, HIV, and sexually transmitted infections.



New York City 2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan

Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.

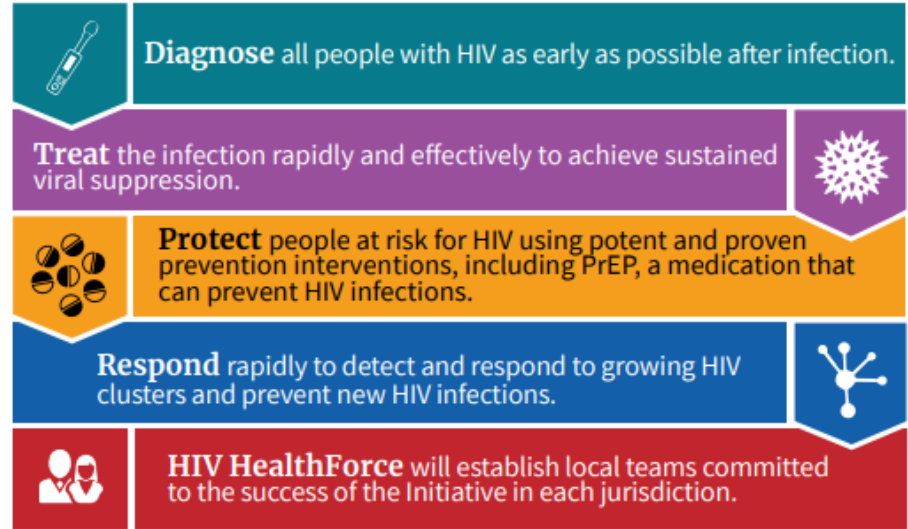
In February 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the **Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE)**, a set of strategies to reduce new HIV infections by 75% in five years and by 90% in 10 years.

GOAL:

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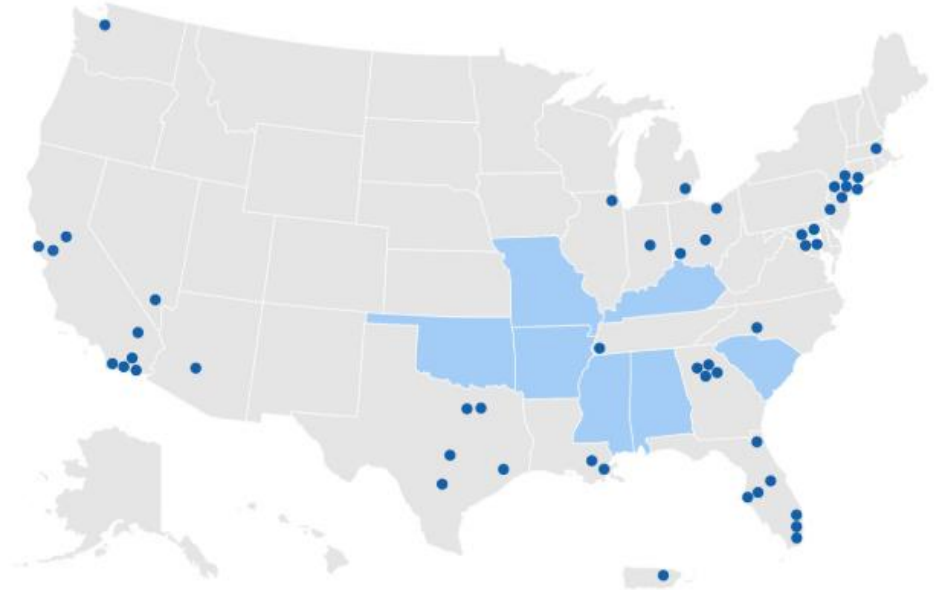
Our goal is ambitious and the pathway is clear – employ strategic practices in the *places* focused on the right *people* to:



Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.

The EHE initiative includes 48 counties, Washington, DC, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and seven states identified as having a substantial rural HIV burden, each of which receive resources, expertise, and technology to develop and implement jurisdictional plans to end their local epidemic.

The 48 counties include four in New York State: Bronx, Kings (Brooklyn), New York (Manhattan), and Queens Counties.



New York City 2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan

To guide the development of New York City's EHE plan, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) led a nearly year-long **community planning process** featuring:

- Nine **virtual community listening sessions** with 308 participants, held from March 2020 to January 2021; and
- An **online survey** with 619 participants, open from September 2020 to October 2020.

The HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York (Planning Council) and NYC HIV Planning Group (HPG) provided feedback on drafts of the plan, and in February 2021 both bodies voted on the final plan and achieved concurrence.



New York City 2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan

In March 2021, NYC DOHMH released the **New York City 2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan (NYC 2020 EHE Plan)**. The plan builds on the New York State Blueprint for Ending the Epidemic and the New York City Ending the Epidemic Plan, and is organized around the four EHE strategies and two cross-cutting issues:



Diagnose



Treat



Prevent



Respond



Social and Structural Determinants of HIV-Related Health Inequities



HIV Service Delivery System

New York City 2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan: Priority Populations*


- Black MSM, including Black cisgender MSM and Black transgender MSM
- Latino/Hispanic MSM, including Latino/Hispanic cisgender MSM and Latino/Hispanic transgender MSM
- Black women, including Black cisgender women and Black transgender women
- Latina/Hispanic women, including Latina/Hispanic cisgender women and Latina/Hispanic transgender women
- All people of trans experience and people who identify as gender nonconforming, gender non-binary, or gender queer
- People with HIV ages 50 years and older
- Youth and young adults ages 13 to 29 years

New York City 2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan: Additional Populations

- People experiencing homelessness or housing instability
- People with serious mental illness
- People who use drugs and/or have a substance use disorder
- People who exchange sex for money, drugs, housing, or other resources
- People born outside the U.S., especially people without a settled or “adjusted” immigration status
- People who live in medium-, high- and very high-poverty NYC neighborhoods
- People with limited access to ongoing, high-quality primary health care
- People who have experienced intimate partner violence
- People with a history of incarceration and other justice-involved people

New York City 2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan Implementation

- Implementation planning for the NYC 2020 EHE Plan is underway. NYC DOHMH is currently:
 - Reviewing the NYC 2020 EHE Plan to identify ongoing or planned initiatives that are responsive to the plan’s strategies and activities; and
 - Evaluating current gaps in the plan’s strategies and activities to prioritize areas for development of new initiatives or expansion of current ones.
- NYC DOHMH continues to engage the HPG and Planning Council and other community partners to solicit feedback and input to inform NYC 2020 EHE Plan implementation.



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NYC DOHMH funds several organizations in the Bronx to deliver a diverse array of HIV testing, prevention, care, and treatment services, as well as supportive services. For example:

- NYC DOHMH funds BronxCare Health System and Montefiore Medical Center to provide **routine HIV testing** and to support systems-level change in health care settings to implement opt-out testing as required by the New York State HIV testing law.

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- Montefiore Medical Center and Planned Parenthood of Greater New York participate in NYC DOHMH's **PlaySure Network 2.0**, a network of agencies funded to provide a comprehensive health package of HIV-related services in health care and non-health care settings using an equity-focused one-stop shop and holistic client-centered model. PlaySure Network 2.0 providers offer:
 - ✓ Universal HIV testing;
 - ✓ PrEP and emergency PEP;
 - ✓ Immediate initiation of HIV antiretroviral treatment (iART) and HIV primary care;
 - ✓ Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment;
 - ✓ Outreach and navigation services; and
 - ✓ Mental health, substance use, and other supportive services.

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- Bronx-based organizations receive **Ryan White Part A** and **Ryan White Part F: Minority AIDS Initiative** funding to deliver to income-eligible people with HIV:
 - ✓ Care coordination;
 - ✓ Food and nutrition services;
 - ✓ Harm reduction services;
 - ✓ Housing placement assistance;
 - ✓ Legal services;
 - ✓ Mental health services
 - ✓ Psychosocial support services for transgender, intersex, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary people with HIV; and
 - ✓ Supportive counseling and family stabilization services in syringe services programs; among other services.

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- Bronx-based organizations receive City Council discretionary funding and City tax levy funding to deliver:
 - ✓ Combination prevention services through outreach and education in community-based settings;
 - ✓ Harm reduction services;
 - ✓ Hepatitis B and C patient navigation;
 - ✓ Hepatitis C education;
 - ✓ HIV and sexual health services for faith-based communities;
 - ✓ PrEP education in syringe services programs;
 - ✓ PrEP and emergency PEP services in clinical settings; and
 - ✓ Other services

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- As part of our **Building Equity: Intervening Together for Health (BE InTo Health)** initiative, NYC DOHMH funds three HIV clinics in the Bronx – Callen-Lorde Bronx, Community Healthcare Network, and Montefiore Medical Center – to implement evidence-informed interventions focused on priority populations.
- NYC DOHMH also funds New York City Health + Hospitals/Jacobi to link, engage, or reengage people with HIV in care as part of our **enhanced HIV data-to-care** initiative.

New York Knows and Bronx Knows



New York Knows is a partnership between NYC DOHMH and community-based organizations, community health centers, hospitals, colleges and universities, faith-based organizations, and businesses to provide voluntary HIV testing to all New Yorkers, routinize HIV testing in health care, identify people with HIV who are undiagnosed and link them to care, and connect people at risk of HIV to PrEP and other prevention services. In 2019, *New York Knows* announced an expanded focus to include other STIs and hepatitis C.



NYC Condom Availability Program



- The **NYC Condom Availability Program (NYCAP)** works to increase the availability, accessibility, and acceptability of free safer sex products by distributing an average of 30 million free safer sex products each year to over 3,500 nonprofit organizations and business citywide. In 2018, NYCAP launched the **NYC Safer Sex Portal**, an online safer sex product ordering system.
- In the first half of 2022, NYCAP distributed 2.4 million safer sex products to businesses and other organizations in the Bronx through the NYC Safer Sex Portal and BronxCare Network, one of NYCAP's dedicated condom distribution contractors.



Discussion



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