UNDERSTANDING HIV IN OHIO

HIV DOESN'T DEFINE OR DIMINISH YOU. WITH HOPE & ACTION WE CAN PREVENT ITS SPREAD. GIVING PEOPLE A CHANCE TO LIVE LONG, VIBRANT, AND HEALTHY LIVES!

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What is HIV?

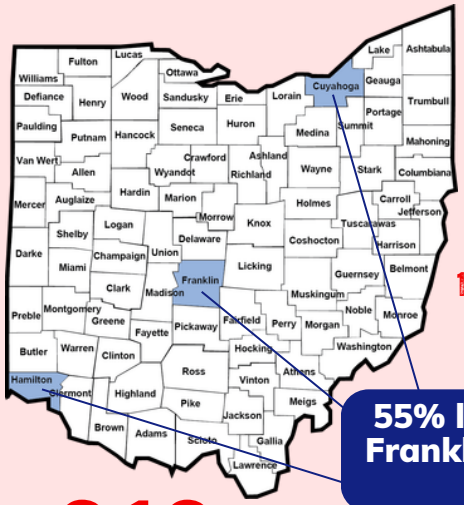
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS



- ✓ Attacks the body's immune system (specifically CD4 cells)
- ✓ Untreated HIV can lead to AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome)
- ✓ Symptoms can include: fever, chills, rash, nigh sweats, muscle aches, sore throat, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes, mouth ulcers
- ✓ HIV can spread through Unprotected Sex, Shared Needles, Mother-to-Child transmission
- ✓ HIV is treatable with antiretroviral therapy (ART)
- ✓ Stigma stands as one of the greatest barriers to testing, prevention, and treatment, every Ohioan deserves dignity, respect, and access to care

Key Facts for Ohio

(Source: Ohio Dept. of Health)



25,000+ DIAGNOSED IN OHIO

POPULATION BREAKDOWN:

11,857- BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN

10,783- WHITE

1,324- HISPANIC/LATINO

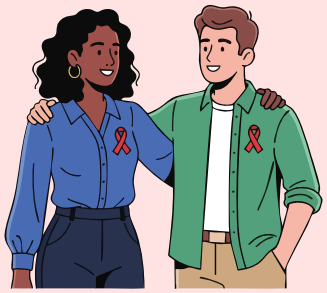
55% live in Cuyahoga, Franklin, and Hamilton Counties

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New Diagnosis in 2024

Ages 55-64 highest rate living with HIV

END STIGMA. BUILD COMMUNITY.



- Normalize HIV testing
- Support Harm Reduction Strategies
- Advocate for equitable funding/services
- Center those communities most impacted
- Speak openly & compassionately about it

Resources

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
Ohio Department of Health
HIV.gov
Aidsvu.org
Equitas Health

KNOW YOUR STATUS. PROTECT YOUR HEALTH. SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER.