

Positively Hennepin

HIV: PREVENTABLE. TREATABLE. STOPPABLE

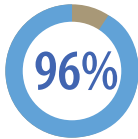
Here's what's changed. Here's what gives us confidence.

Major advances have transformed how we now can detect, treat and prevent HIV. POSITIVELY HENNEPIN will leverage these advances and better coordinate efforts to significantly reduce the number of new HIV infections in Hennepin County. Currently 55% of all Minnesotans living with HIV reside in Hennepin County and 25% of new HIV cases in the state are identified at the Hennepin County Public Health Clinic. Close to 40% of people living with HIV in the county are not accessing care. We must and CAN do more.

Our prevention toolkit has expanded.

Treatment as Prevention

The risk of HIV transmission from those on antiretroviral therapy who achieve viral suppression (very low levels of virus in their body) is reduced by 96%.



Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

A daily pill to prevent HIV. When taken consistently, can reduce the risk of HIV by up to 92%.



With full implementation of the Affordable Care Act, Minnesota has increased health care access.

Thousands more Minnesotans now have **affordable, quality health coverage.**



There is **no denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions, like HIV.**



Preventive services are covered without co-pays, including HIV testing.



Protections in place against sex or disability discrimination in health care.



HIV testing and treatment are recommended.

Federal Guidelines now recommend **routine HIV screening** for people aged

15 to 65



Today's HIV testing technology detects infections earlier.

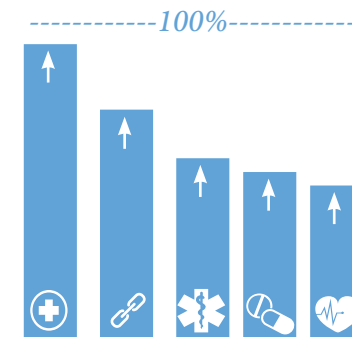
Federal HIV treatment guidelines now recommend **antiretroviral therapy for all HIV-infected individuals.**



Improving HIV Care Continuum outcomes is the priority.

We will achieve such outcomes when we increase the number of individuals who are:

- diagnosed** with HIV
- linked** to HIV care within 30 days
- retained** in HIV care
- prescribed** HIV treatment
- virally suppressed** (having very low levels of HIV in their body).



Research continues to unlock new knowledge and tools.

- Evidence that **starting HIV treatment early** lowers the risk of developing AIDS or other serious illnesses
- New **HIV testing technologies**, including new diagnostic tests
- New **HIV medications** with fewer side effects, less frequent dosing, and a lower risk of drug resistance
- **Continued investigation** of long-acting drugs for HIV treatment and prevention, an HIV vaccine, and, ultimately, a cure.

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