National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2017

67 percent of all HIV diagnoses in 2015 were among gay and bisexual men.

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Wednesday, September 27, marks National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NGMHAAD) 2017.

Gay and bisexual men—particularly young men of color—continue to make up a majority of HIV diagnoses. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2015 (the most recent year for which data are available), 67 percent of the total 39,513 HIV diagnoses in the United States across all ages were among gay or bisexual men. When broken down into people ages 13 to 24, out of 8,807 diagnoses that year, 81 percent were among gay and bisexual men. (See the graphic below. You can download that one and others here.)

Downloadable infographicsCDC.gov/actagainstaids

As part of its "Positive Spin" campaign, HIV.gov posted a series of short video interviews with HIV-positive men about their different experiences during each step along the HIV health care continuum. Those steps include: knowing your status, connecting to care, starting HIV treatment, staying in care and keeping the virus under control. Below is Uriah's story.

The CDC also includes sample social media messages. Simply copy and paste them to get the word out:

- 9/27 is Nat'l Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Show your support with #StartTalkingHIV's

FB profile frame #NGMHAAD http://bit.ly/2vUMouy

- #StartTalkingHIV for #NGMHAAD. Encourage your partners and friends to join the conversation. http://bit.ly/2cPGpiC

- For #NGMHAAD, #StartTalkingHIV prevention: testing, condoms, PrEP, and medicines that treat HIV. gov/StartTalking

- Over 600,000 gay & bisexual men are living w/HIV in the US & 17% don't know it. For #NGMHAAD, #StartTalkingTesting http://bit.ly/2koXwOr

- Today is Nat'l Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Learn about the best prevention options for you. gov/StartTalking#NGMHAAD #StartTalkingHIV

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