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[Secretary Azar Statement on World AIDS Day](#)

On the occasion of the 32nd annual World AIDS Day, December 1, 2020, HHS Secretary Alex Azar issued the following statement:

"Even as COVID-19 has exacerbated so many health challenges, the Trump Administration remains deeply committed to the global fight against HIV/AIDS and our goal of ending the HIV epidemic in America by 2030. This year, the HIV community has come together in remarkable and courageous ways to ensure that treatment and prevention services continue to reach those who need them most..."

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[Statement from Rear Adm. Michael Weahkee on World AIDS Day](#)

On World AIDS Day, we show support for people living with HIV, their families, allies, and caregivers, and remember those who have lost their lives to HIV. We also celebrate the advances that have led to successful HIV treatment regimens, prevention strategies, and improved care.

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[PEPFAR: World AIDS Day 2020 Statement](#)

This World AIDS Day, as we approach the fortieth anniversary of the first reported cases of AIDS, it is breathtaking to reflect on how far we have come and how far we still need to travel together, as a global community, in saving and improving millions of lives touched by the pandemic. Over the past 18 years, with strong bipartisan leadership across multiple U.S. presidencies and U.S. congresses, and the incredible generosity of the American people, the U.S. President's



Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has helped transform the HIV response from crisis toward control.

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[Comment on the Draft HIV National Strategic Plan](#)

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) is inviting comments on the draft HIV National Strategic Plan for 2021-2025 (HIV Plan). HHS, through the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and its Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, is coordinating the development of this plan with federal partners from six federal departments and 12 HHS agencies and offices.

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[NIH Announces Restructured HIV Clinical Trials Networks](#)

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, announced [on November 30] the clinical investigators and institutions that will lead four NIH HIV clinical trials networks over the next seven years to conduct the innovative, efficient clinical research needed to accelerate progress against the HIV pandemic. NIAID also awarded grants to 35 U.S. and international institutions selected as HIV clinical trials units. NIAID and co-funding NIH Institutes intend to provide approximately \$375.3 million in the first year to support the networks.

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Today on World AIDS Day, we reflect both on the remarkable progress that has been made against HIV as well as the considerable challenges



that remain. We now have highly effective HIV treatment and prevention methods, and work is underway to address the remaining challenges in delivering these tools to the people who need them most, as well as to develop new interventions. The National Institutes of Health continues to advance rigorous, innovative research to prevent new HIV transmissions and improve the health of people with HIV worldwide.

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[Media Statement from CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D., in Observance of World AIDS Day 2020](#)

The HIV community has remained resilient in the face of great challenges. So it comes as no surprise that the community has also been steadfast in confronting new hurdles brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these difficult times, World AIDS Day presents an important moment to pause, and acknowledge the innovation of the community that has been crucial to fighting disruptions to HIV care, treatment, and prevention efforts that are underway around the world.

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[CDC: World AIDS Day - December 1](#)

December 1 is World AIDS Day, a day to unite in the global response to HIV/AIDS, support people living with HIV, and honor lives lost to the HIV epidemic. The U.S. Government's theme for this year's observance, "*Ending the HIV Epidemic: Resilience & Impact*," calls for greater commitment, greater resilience, and optimized use of expertise from all of us – both in responding to COVID-19 and our ongoing commitment to ending the HIV epidemic.

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[White House Proclamation on World AIDS Day, 2020](#)

Today, our Nation joins millions across the globe in remembrance of the precious lives lost to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)–related illnesses, and we reaffirm our support for those living with these diseases. Thankfully, decades of remarkable advancements and improved understanding have put us within reach of ending its devastating impact.

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[HHS Amends PREP Act Declaration, Including to Expand Access to COVID-19 Countermeasures Via Telehealth](#)

[On December 3rd] the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a fourth amendment to the Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to increase access to critical countermeasures against COVID-19.

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