HIV 101 – Online for High School

“Supporting individuals living with HIV/AIDS and preventing new infections”

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What is “HIV”?

HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus

- **HUMAN** - That’s Us!
- **IMMUNO** - The Protection of Our Bodies
- **DEFICIENCY** - A Lack or Shortage
- **VIRUS** - An Infectious Agent
What is our Immune System?

Our human immune system is mostly made up of White Blood Cells.

One of those White Blood Cells is called the CD4/Helper-T Cell.

HIV targets and infects the Helper-T cell, eventually killing it.

Without these White Blood Cells, our bodies aren’t able to keep us healthy.
What is “AIDS”?  

**AIDS**: *Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*

- **ACQUIRED** - To Have
- **IMMUNE** - The Protection of Our Bodies
- **DEFICIENCY** - A Lack or Shortage
- **SYNDROME** - A Condition
What's the difference?

**HIV is the virus**
- HIV infects our healthy white blood cells then kills them off.
- It slowly kills those infected cells and spreads in the blood.
- Without medication, it can lead to AIDS after a long time.

**AIDS is a condition**
- After our Immune System becomes compromised...
- Having only a small count of those CD4/Helper T cells (200 or less per cubic millimeter)
- ...and being vulnerable to Opportunistic Infections.
- Third – and most severe – stage of having HIV.
1. **Acute Infection**
   - Flu-like symptoms that occur within first 2-4 weeks of contracting HIV infection

2. **Clinical Latency**
   - Chronic HIV infection after acute infection stage, can last up to 8-11 years, or longer in rare cases

3. **AIDS**
   - Occurs when T-Cell (CD4) count falls below 200 cells/mm3, and vulnerable to opportunistic infections
Can you Name all of these people with HIV?
While there is no cure or vaccine for HIV yet, there is medication that a person can take to stop the growth of HIV.

A person living with HIV who takes their medication as prescribed and lower the amount of HIV cells in their bloodstream to an “undetectable level! They are considered Undetectable.

A person who is HIV+ and undetectable CANNOT transmit the virus to another person either. They are also considered Untransmittable (or Untransmissible).
HIV Transmission

The 6 Infectious Fluids
- Blood
- Semen
- Pre-ejaculate (Cowper’s fluid or pre-cum)
- Vaginal fluid
- Anal fluid
- Breast milk

The Ports of Entry
- Veins
- Anus
- Vagina
- Cuts and wounds
- Mucous membranes
  - Eyes, nose, mouth, urethra
HIV is **not** present in...

Saliva – cannot be spread simply by kissing or sharing food/drink.

Sweat – cannot be spread by touching someone else who may have HIV. (its not on the skin!)

Urine – someone cannot spread HIV through urine, or using the bathroom.

Mucus (snot/boogers) – HIV is not present in the mucus we make from having a cold or other sickness. However, if someone has a bloody nose – HIV can be present in that blood.
Common Misconceptions

There are many myths and misunderstandings surrounding HIV so let’s clear them up

You cannot get HIV through:

• Kissing
• Sharing drinks
• Hugging/shaking hands
• Working or living with someone who has HIV
• Bug bites (mosquitoes, ticks, fleas)
• Using a public restroom

51% of young adults aged 18 to 30 said they would be uncomfortable having a roommate with HIV, and 58% said they would be uncomfortable having their food prepared by someone with HIV.
Historical Context*

‘Brief’ overview

- Pre 1980’s – medical warning signs present
- 1981 – first recognized immune-deficiency
- 1982 – “GRIDS” and “AIDS” named by journals
- 1983 – HIV cells first identified (named in 1986)
- 1983 – All transmission routes identified
- 1984 – Ryan White diagnosed with HIV
- 1985 – First Blood test available
- 1987 – Medication starts first trials
- 1987 – First display of AIDS Quilt in Washington D.C.
- 1990 – booklet on women living with HIV/AIDS promoted
- 1991 – Freddy Mercury Dies of pneumonia
- 1991 – “Magic” Johnson announces he has HIV
- 1995 – Eazy-E diagnosed with AIDS and dies
- 2010 – PrEP trials begin, reduce infection by ~70%
Risk Spectrum Activity

HOW RISKY IS THIS ACTIVITY?

- Kissing
- Oral sex
- Getting a tattoo
- Drinking alcohol
- Unprotected anal or vaginal sex
- Sharing injection drug equipment
New HIV Diagnoses in the United States by Age, 2017

1 in 5 of all new HIV infections are in individuals ages 13-24
New HIV Diagnoses in Oregon

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What do you see in this data?
How to Protect Yourself

• Abstinence - 100% effective in preventing pregnancy and STIs
• Use LATEX or SYNTHETIC barriers/condoms/dental dams
  • No lambskin or “Naturalamb” or “Skyn” condoms
• Use lubricant!
  • Water or silicone-based, not oil-based as oil causes condoms to break
  • Lubricant makes using condoms more comfortable and reduce the risk of a condom breaking, especially during anal sex
• Reduce your number of sexual partners
• Mutually monogamous partnerships with testing

CDC Condom Finder
Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a once per day pill that an HIV-person can take to prevent getting the virus from another. It helps by blocking HIV virus cells from getting inside and attaching to White Blood Cells. It must be taken each day regularly, as prescribed to remain effective.
Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

PEP is an emergency-style medication that can only be accessed through an Emergency Room (at this time).

If somebody is accidently exposed (and not on PrEP) they may be able to get this medication to stop HIV from having an effect on them.

Medication must be started within 72 hours of the exposing moment.
Get Tested (Lane)

Know your status and the status of your sexual partner(s)

It’s a quick oral swab and you get your results in 20 minutes

- Mon: 3:00-7:00pm   Tue: 5:00-7:00pm   Wed: No testing
- Thurs: 6:00-8:00pm  Fri: 1:00-5:00pm

- Mon: 9:30-6:00pm   Tue: 9:30-6:00pm   Wed: 9:30-6:00pm
- Thurs: 10:30-6:00pm  Fri: 9:30-5:00pm

Just Checking Clinic- Tue: 1:00-4:00pm $25 Walk-in clinic for all STIs

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Get Tested (Douglas)

Know your status and the status of your sexual partner(s)
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Mon: 11:00-4:00pm  Tue: 11:00-4:00pm  Wed: 11:00-4:00pm
Thurs: No testing  Fri: 11:00-4:00pm

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Get Tested (Marion)

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*It’s a quick oral swab and you get your results in 20 minutes*

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Planned Parenthood

Mon: 9:00-4:30pm    Tue: 11:00-6:30pm    Wed: 11:00-6:30pm
Thurs: 10:00-4:30pm  Fri: 8:00-3:30pm
Sat: 9:00-4:30

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