

## **HIV Empowerment in the Workplace**



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## TODAY'S AGENDA

1	HIV in the U.S.
2	U.S. Business Action to End HIV
3	PANEL: Business in Action
4	Q & A



# END HIV in the U.S. by 2030

Reduce new HIV infections in the U.S. by at least 90% by 2030

## THE BUSINESS CASE: WHY HIV MATTERS TO YOUR BUSINESS





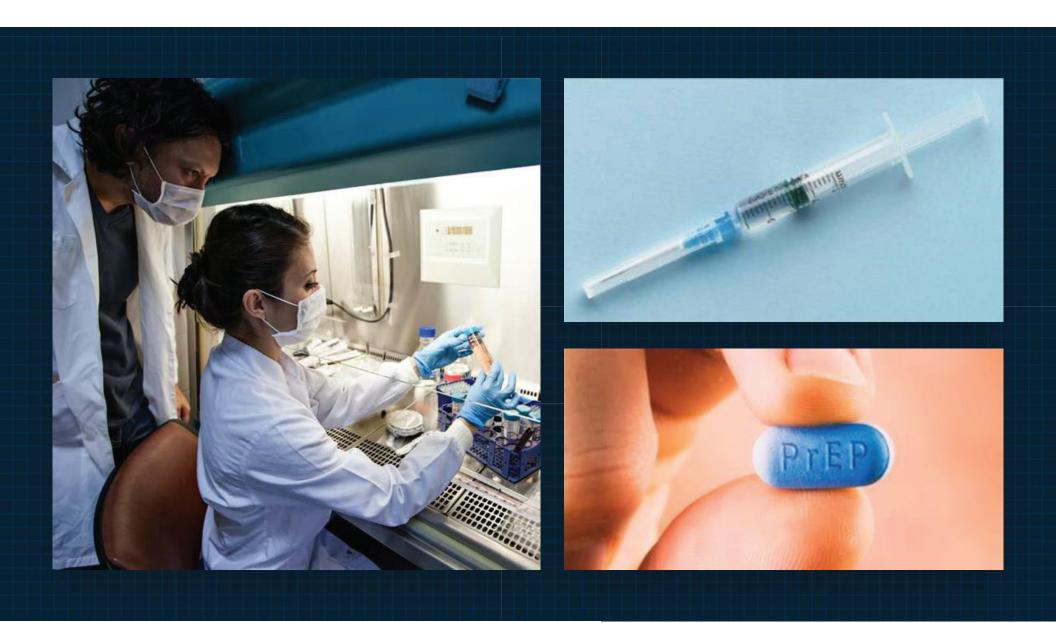




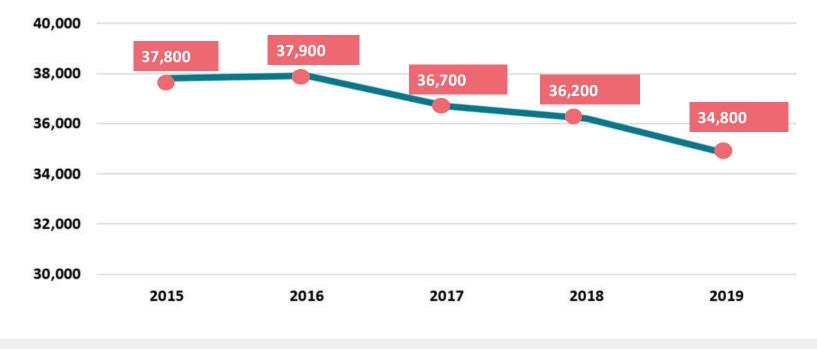
Meeting Legal Obligations Improving Employee Well-Being, Productivity and Retention Reducing Long-Term Healthcare Costs Strengthening Commitments to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

# HIV IN THE U.S.





#### Overall, national HIV prevention efforts have reduced HIV infections from a peak of 130,000 in the mid-1980s to approximately 34,800 in 2019



#### Estimated Annual HIV Infections in the United States, 2015-2019

CDC. Accessed Feb 2, 2022. https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/library/reports/surveillance/cdc-hiv-surveillance-supplemental-report-vol-26-1.pdf

### 1.2 million Americans with HIV



#### 80%

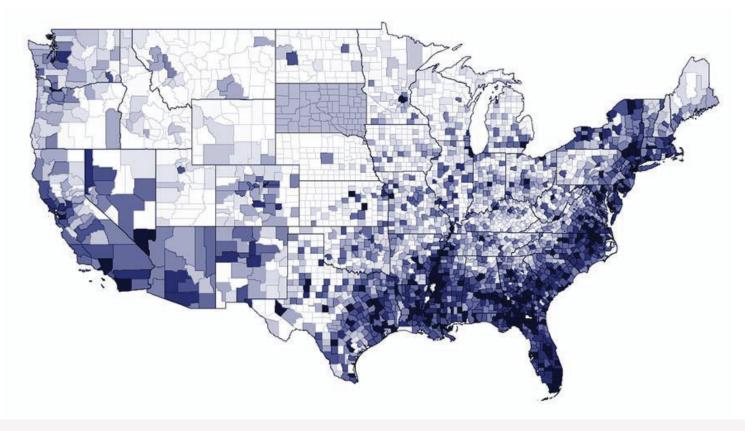
of new HIV infections transmitted by people who are not aware they have HIV or are not receiving any HIV care or treatment

#### 1/2 All Gay Black Men

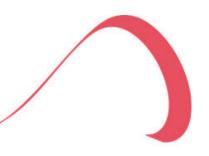
#### 1/4 All Gay Latino Men

Will Contract HIV in their Lifetimes, if Current Trends Persist

## **Communities Most Impacted By HIV**



*Source:* AIDSVu.org, Rates of Persons Living with HIV, 2020



## 700,000

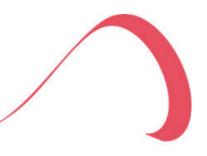
American lives lost to HIV since 1981

#### The Need for Action

Without intervention and despite substantial progress another



Americans will be newly diagnosed over 10 years despite the available tools to prevent infection



# The Affordable Care Act & HIV

#### The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has improved access to health care coverage for people with or at risk for HIV:

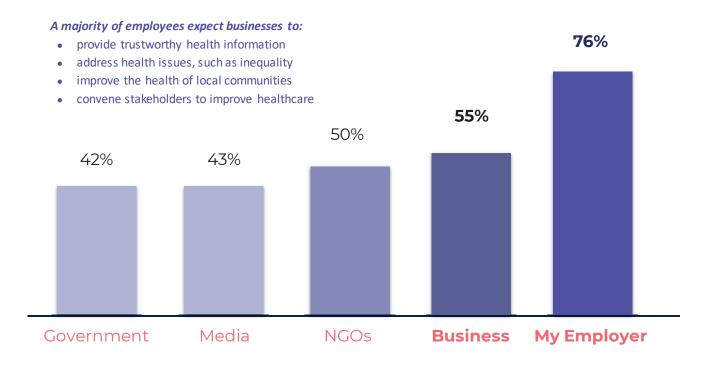
No American can ever again be dropped or denied coverage because of a pre-existing health condition, like HIV

Lower prescription drug costs

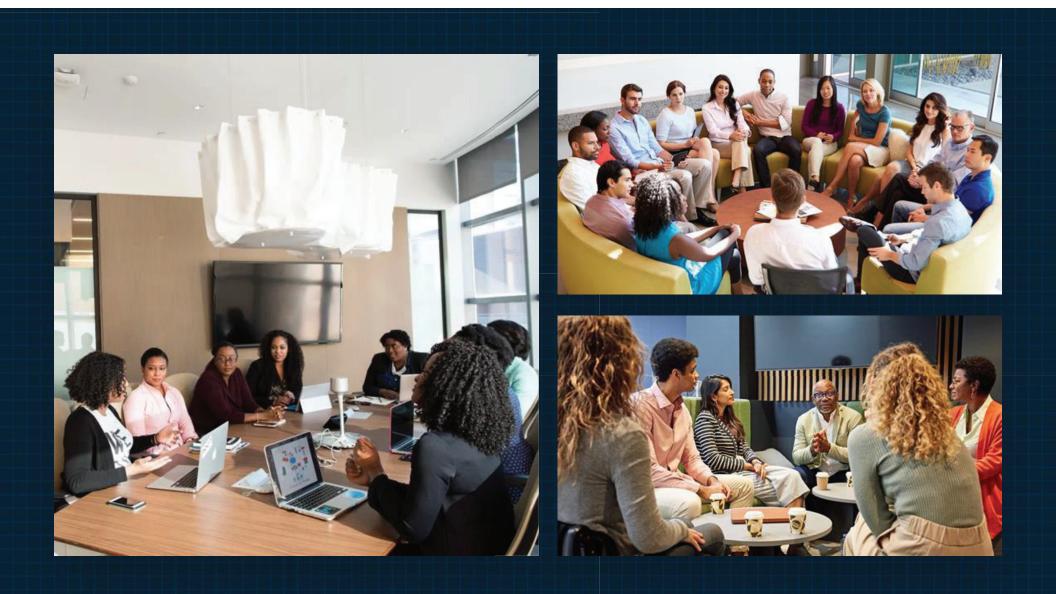
More affordable private health coverage options

Coverage of HIV screening, PrEP and necessary clinic visits and labs without cost-sharing

#### Americans Trust Business And Their Employer Above All



Source: 2023 Edelman Trust Barometer Special Report: Trust and Health



# U.S. BUSINESS ACTION TO END HIV

a Health Action Alliance initiative

World AIDS Day 2022:

## ANNOUNCED THE U.S. BUSINESS ACTION TO END HIV COALITION



### COALITION MEMBERS (SO FAR...)



## WHAT BUSINESSES CAN DO TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS



Lead on HIV

Publicly share corporate commitment and extend callto-action.

## 2

#### Educate Workers and End HIV Stigma

Educate employees about HIV and create psychologically safer workplaces, free of HIV stigma and discrimination.

## 3

#### Strengthen HIV Services for Employees

Bolster HIV health benefits and nondiscrimination policies.

## WHAT BUSINESSES CAN DO TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS

#### 4

Advocate for Policy and Systems Change

Champion innovative public policies that accelerate access to HIV services, modernize HIV criminalization laws and strengthen public funding.



#### Support Local Communities Most Affected by HIV

Leverage unique expertise, infrastructure and capabilities to implement innovative strategies to strengthen delivery of HIV prevention and care. 6

#### **Provide Financial Support**

Provide funding to strengthen the coalition's public health response and operations.

### **Business in Action**

#### A Conversation



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#### **New Resource**

#### WHAT'S INSIDE?

- Improve access to HIV testing, prevention, treatment and care.
- Protect employees and fight stigma by strengthening HIV-related workplace non-discrimination policies.
- Engage employees in HIV education and outreach to create a supportive, inclusive environment for everyone

NOW AVAILABLE healthaction.org/endhiv

#### **Empowering HR Leaders** A Checklist for HIV in the Workplace



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