85% of Kentuckians with HIV are aware of their status, which means approximately 1,200 people in Kentucky aren’t getting the care they need. The national goal for the percentage of people with HIV who know their status is 90%.

Kentucky had the nation’s 25th-highest rate of new HIV diagnoses in 2017.

When a person with HIV takes their medicine regularly they become virally suppressed and have effectively no risk of transmitting HIV. 60% of Americans with HIV are virally suppressed; the national goal is 80%.

Kentuckians with HIV will face an average lifetime cost of $478,000 to treat their infection (2017 dollars).

A comprehensive Syringe Services Program (SSP) is a community-based public health program that provides access to sterile needles and syringes and safe disposal of them, while providing a pathway to services to prevent drug use, HIV, and viral hepatitis.

SSPs DO NOT increase drug use or crime

SSPs DO reduce HIV and hepatitis risk

54 † Counties in Kentucky were determined by CDC to be experiencing or at risk of an HIV outbreak or significant increase in hepatitis infection

14 †† SSPs operating in Kentucky

† 2015 data. †† NASEN (www.nasen.org/map)
CDC awarded $2.9M†† to Kentucky health departments and community-based organizations for HIV prevention activities, including:

HIV Testing

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HIV Diagnosis

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Linkage to Care

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What Can Be Done?

Major developments in HIV science, prevention, and treatment have produced a once-in-a-generation opportunity to eliminate new HIV infections in the United States — including Kentucky.

To End HIV:

Use the right practices in the right places targeted to the right people

Diagnose

All people with HIV as early as possible

Treat

People with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression

Protect

New HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs)

Respond

Quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them

Dedicated people at all levels working together to end HIV

For more information on HIV prevention, please visit www.cdc.gov/HIV

†††FY 2018. ††††2017 data.

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