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HIV/AIDS in Chicago

AIDS Has Touched Every Community in Chicago

Our city is the epicenter for the epidemic in the state. Approximately **70%** of the reported AIDS cases in Illinois are in Chicago.

An estimated **22,000** Chicagoans are currently living with HIV/AIDS, and more than **1,000** Chicagoans are believed to be infected with HIV each year.

Since 1981, at least **20,480** persons in Chicago have been diagnosed with AIDS; at least **11,550** of them have died.

Disproportionate Impact on Minorities

People of color, who account for approximately **69%** of the City's total population, account for **81%** of recently diagnosed* adult AIDS cases and **77%** of recently diagnosed HIV cases.

African-Americans alone account for **65%** of recently diagnosed adult AIDS cases and **61%** of recently diagnosed adult HIV cases.

The AIDS rate in Chicago among Puerto Ricans (**26 per 100,000 residents**) is second only to the AIDS rate among African-Americans (**41 per 100,000 residents**).

Disturbing Trends

The number of syphilis cases in Chicago among men who have sex with men **more than tripled** from 2000 to 2001, and Cook County ranks **second** in the country for reported cases of syphilis. Syphilis, like HIV, is spread by unprotected sex.

Nationally, the number of men who have sex with men who were newly diagnosed with HIV in 2002 rose for the third consecutive year last year, **rising 7.1%** from 2001 to 2002.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Primary and Secondary Syphilis – United States – 2000-2001," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Rep.* (Nov. 1, 2002): 971-973. Chicago Dept. Pub. Health. *AIDS Chicago* (First Quarter 2003); Chicago Dept. Pub. Health. *HIV/AIDS: An Epidemiologic Profile* (2002); Chicago Dept. Pub. Health. *An Epidemiologic Profile of HIV/AIDS in Chicago* (1999); Ill. Dept. Pub. Health. *Illinois Quarterly AIDS/HIV Surveillance Report* (July 2003).

* "Recently diagnosed" means diagnosed in 1999-2001.