# WELCOME Addiction Medicine ECHO Clinic



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Thursday on the 2<sup>cd</sup>

and 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month.



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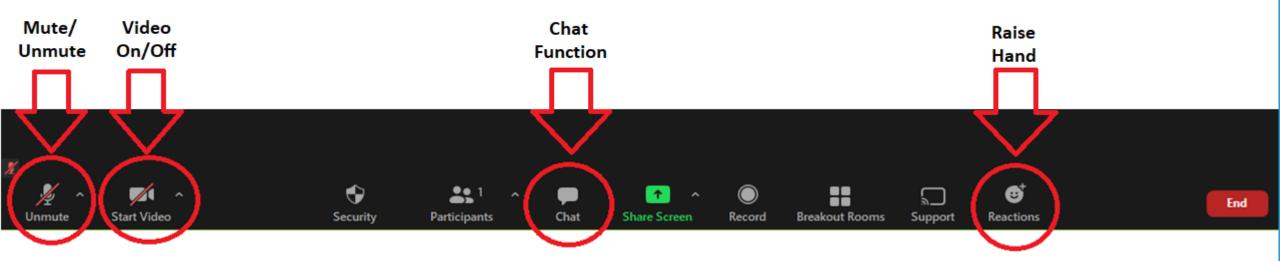
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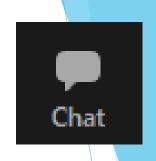
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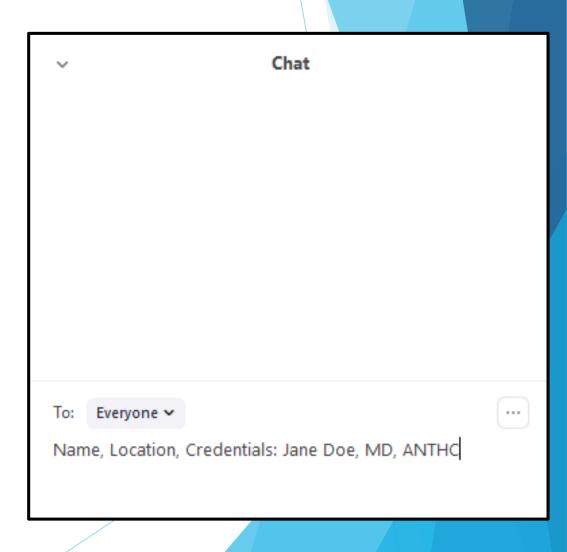
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# Introductions

### Addiction Medicine ECHO

- Please introduce yourself in the chat :
  - Name
  - Location
  - Profession/Credentials
  - Note: The chat will be saved as our attendance record for continuing education credits.







# ANTHC HIV/STD Prevention Program HIV and Harm Reduction

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### **Conflicts of Interest**

► I have no conflicts of interest to disclose

# Objectives

- Participants will receive the latest best practices around treatment as prevention for HIV
- Participants will gain knowledge on strategies to reduce harms associated with substance use in Alaska
- Participants will gain access to HIV prevention resources in Alaska



# Outline

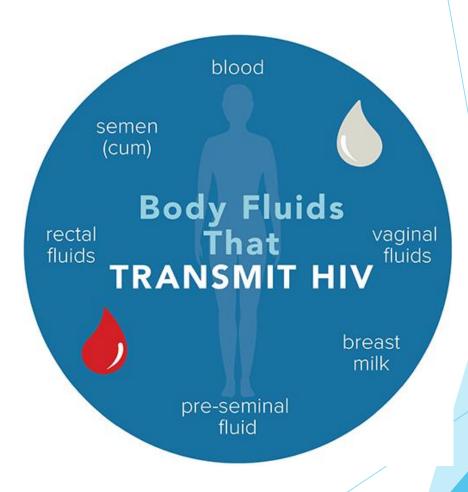
- HIV
- Harm Reduction
- Resources
- Questions

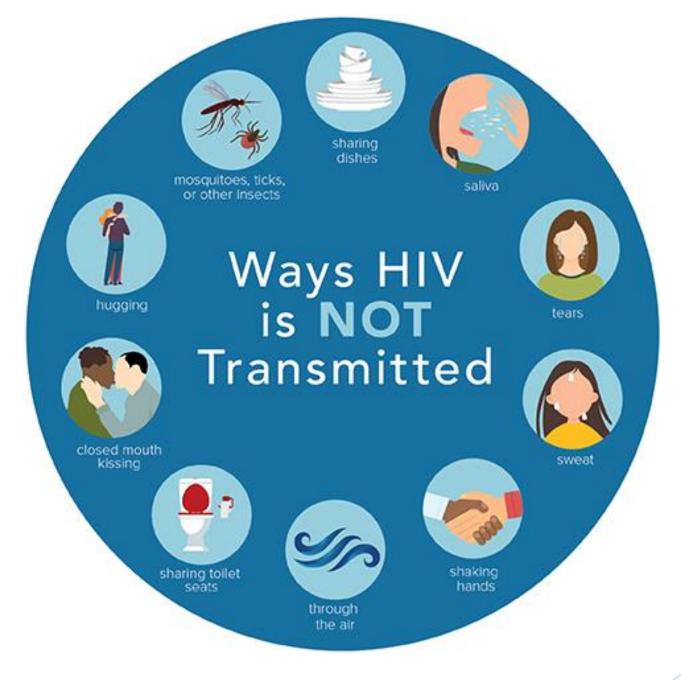




### **Transmission**

- Only certain body fluids from a person who has HIV can transmit HIV.
- Fluids must come in contact with a mucous membrane, damaged tissue or be directly injected into the bloodstream for transmission to occur.





# Transmission Risk

| High risk  | Some risk   | Low risk   |
|--|---|--|
| Condomless receptive or penetrative sex, anal or vaginal | Condomless oral sex   | Oral sex with a condom   |
| Being born to an HIV+ birthgiver, not on meds            | Receptive or penetrative sex with a condom, anal or vaginal | Deep kissing (aka French kissing)                                  |
| Sharing injection equipment, such as needles             |   | Being born to an HIV+<br>birthgiver on meds,<br>virally suppressed |
| Fed milk from an HIV+ person, not on meds                |   | Touching blood from another person, skin intact                    |
| Co-infection with other STIs                             |   | Blood transfusion after<br>1985                                    |

# **Symptoms**

Some people have **no symptoms at all**. The only way to know is to **get tested**.

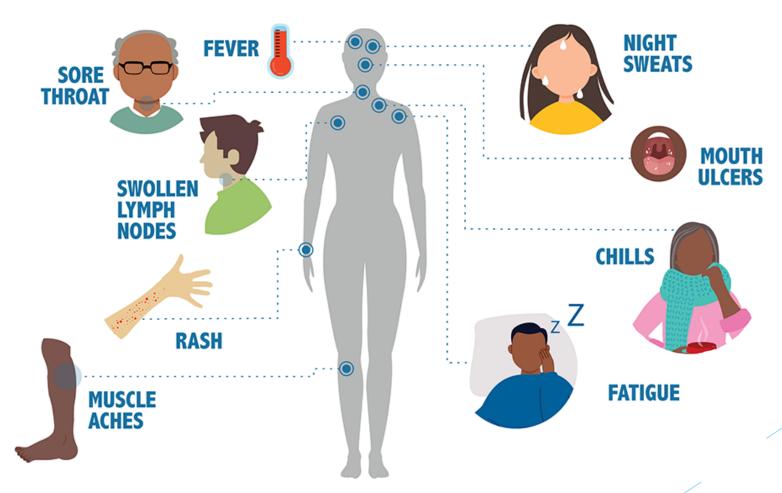


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# **Untreated HIV Progression**

Acute HIV Infection

- Flu-like symptoms or NO symptoms
- Large amount of HIV in the blood, can transmit HIV

Chronic HIV Infection

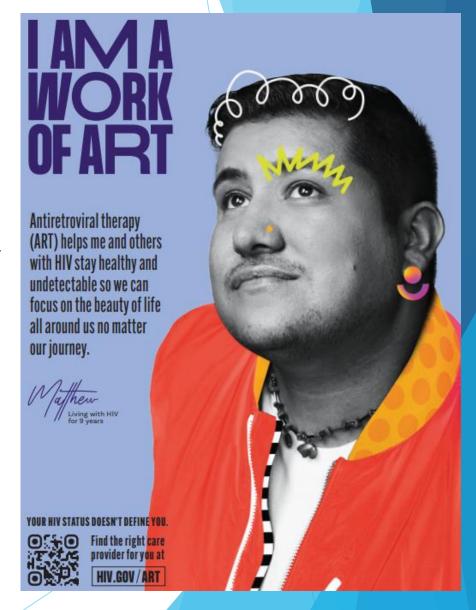
- May not have symptoms or get sick, can still transmit HIV
- This stage may last a decade or longer, or may progress faster. At the end of this stage, the amount of HIV in the blood (viral load) goes up and may move into AIDS.

**AIDS** 

- The most severe stage of the infection
- Characterized by high viral load, badly damaged immune systems
- Average life expectancy 3 years

### Treatment

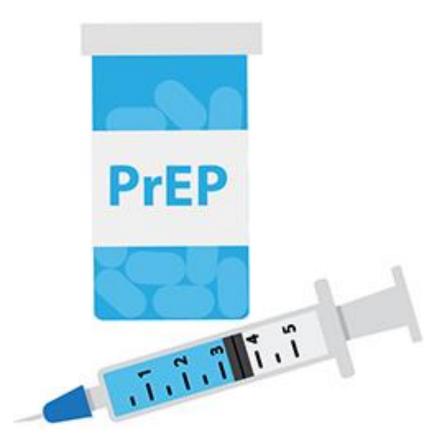
- Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) = taking medicine as prescribed by a healthcare provider
- Works to reduce the amount of HIV in the body to undetectable levels
- Average time to viral suppression: 6 months
- Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U)!



### Prevention

- Abstinence from substance use and sex
- Never share injection equipment, like needles or pipes
- Use condoms, the right way every time
- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

### **PrEP**



- A prevention strategy for people at high-risk for HIV infection
- A SAFE medication that reduces HIV transmission from sex (99%) and IDU (74%)
- Protects only against HIV, not other STIs

### PEP

- Emergency medication taken to prevent HIV after a possible exposure
  - Through sex
  - Sharing substance use equipment, like needles
  - Sexual assault
- Must be started within 72 hours, and taken daily for 28 days
- Not a substitute for PrEP
- Not for people who may be exposed to HIV frequently

# HIV in Alaska, 2020

# Highlights Newly Diagnosed HIV Cases 2020 (n=30)

- 3 (10%) were diagnosed with AIDS at the time of initial diagnosis
- 1 (3%) is known to have died
- 25 (83%) were male
- 15 (50%) were men who have sex with men (MSM);
   4 (13%) were MSM/IDU; 3 (10%) were heterosexual; and 3 (10%) were IDU
- 13 (43%) were Alaska Native/American Indian; 9
   (30%) were White; 4 (13%) were Hispanic
- 17 (57%) were 34 years old or younger at diagnosis
- 17 (57%) were residing in Anchorage/Mat-Su at the time of diagnosis; 6 (20%) were residing in the Southwest

# Opioid Overdose in Alaska

- In 2020, we saw our worst overdose death rate in a decade with approximately 143 deaths.
- Opioids continue to make up a large proportion of drug overdose deaths across Alaska.
- We saw a 165% increase during 2019-2020 for synthetic opioid OD deaths. Most of these synthetic opioid overdose deaths were from the substance fentanyl.



# Harm Reduction Approach

A respectful, non-judgmental approach to reducing harms of drug and alcohol use that meets people "where they are at".



# Harm Reduction

### Does

- Save lives
- Reduce harms to people who use substances
- Provide access to needed services like social services, medical care, etc.
- Address stigma in substance use

### **Does NOT**

- Condone substance use
- Enable substance use
- Provide substances to people who use substances



# Syringe Service Programs (SSPs)

- Provide community education and training
- ► Test for HIV and Hepatitis C, STIs
- Coordinate care to additional services
- Support basic human needs
- Distribute safer substance use supplies
- Dispose of used substances and supplies

# Alaskan-Based SSPs

- Statewide: Your local medical center speak to your medical provider or pharmacist about the need for safer injection supplies
- Anchorage/ Mat-Su Valley: <u>Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4A's)</u>
- Bethel: YKHC Pharmacy
- ► Fairbanks: Interior AIDS Association
- ► Homer: <u>The Exchange</u>
- ▶ Juneau: Front Street Clinic
- Statewide, order supplies from: <u>iKnowMine.org</u>



# iknowmine Truthful, Accurate Information for You(th)

😾 order resources & supplies

get answers





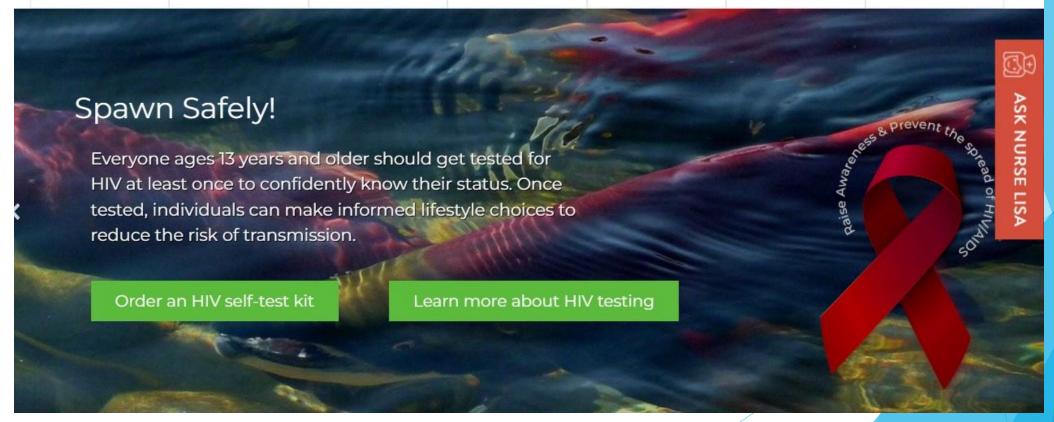












# Self-Test Kits



### HIV



### STIs



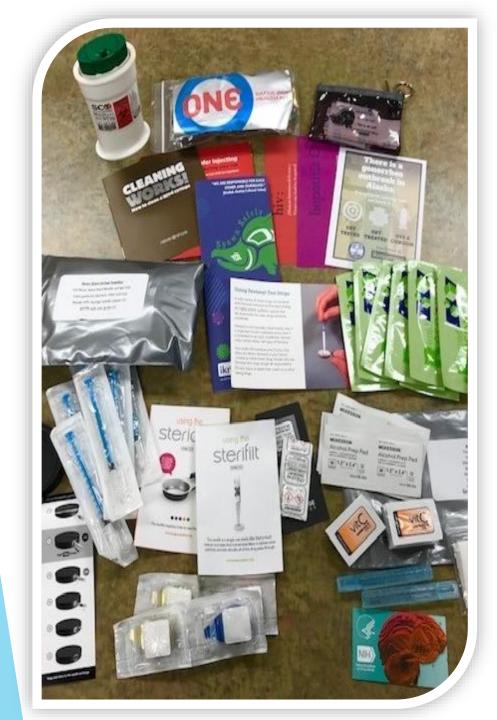
# Condoms











# Harm Reduction Kit



- Clean needles & safer use supplies
- HIV, HCV, STI, Harm Reduction education

# Naloxone

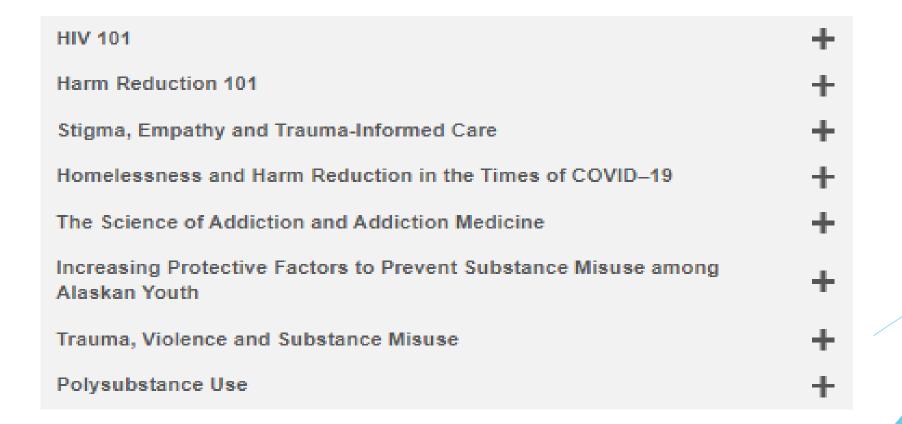
- A SAFE medication that rapidly reverses the effects of an overdose
- Get trained and carry naloxone!
  - Online (15 minutes): iknowmine.org/naloxone
  - Zoom or in-person: saprevention@anthc.org



# Harm Reduction Webinar Series

### Harm Reduction Webinar Training Series:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLL4L0UMrF8iLUmoQDWlAmDxb-fvZteaMT



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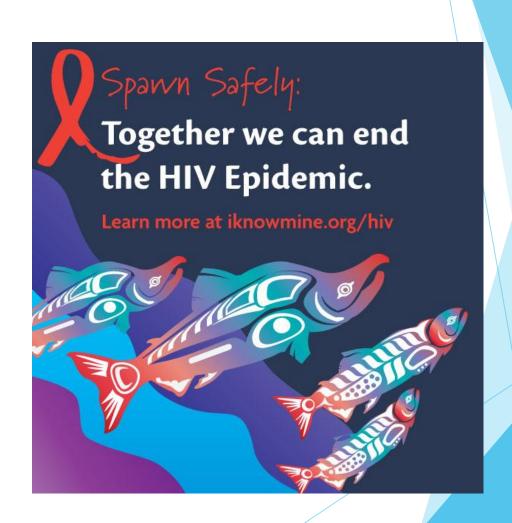
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### Questions?

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We appreciate your participation and hope to see you at the NEXT ECHO Session:

January 12, 2023 from 12pm -1 PM

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