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HAN subject: Health Alert | Increased incidence of newly diagnosed HIV infections throughout Utah

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From: Utah DHHS

Intended audience: Local public health departments; ID physicians; clinical labs; emergency departments; sexual health clinics

Action steps

- **Local health departments:** forward to hospitals, clinics, urgent care centers, emergency departments, and other clinics or associations in your jurisdiction.
- **Hospitals and clinics:** forward to all health care providers who may be involved, including internists, infectious disease doctors, emergency department staff, family medicine clinics, sexual health clinics.

Key points

- HIV incidence is increasing in Utah, especially in regions outside of the Salt Lake metropolitan area.
 - In some communities, HIV cluster detection has indicated the presence of rapid HIV transmission.
 - This is a public health concern as these communities may not be aware of the increased risk of HIV and may lack access to prevention, testing, and treatment resources.
- Healthcare providers should expand testing, prevention, and treatment to at-risk populations to help prevent and control the spread of HIV. Providers can help by:
 - Increasing testing among persons who may have undiagnosed HIV and connection to treatment among people who have been diagnosed with HIV.
 - Improving HIV awareness, access to prevention services including PrEP and PEP, and routine testing for at-risk persons who have not been diagnosed with HIV.
 - Using telehealth options in rural areas or areas with lower access to healthcare as a way to provide low-cost or free testing, prevention, and treatment resources.
- All new HIV cases must be reported to the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (UT DHHS).
 - Reports should include detailed patient information to help track and manage the spread of the virus.
 - To report, contact the UT DHHS disease reporting line:
 - Telephone: 1-888-EPI-UTAH (374-8824)
 - Email: reporting@utah.gov

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- Fax: 801-538-9923
 - Or use the online case report form available on the UT DHHS website:
<https://pubredcap.health.utah.gov/surveys/?s=KRNLYC98CJPHAMKL>
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More information

Utah epidemiology – HIV prevention: <https://epi.utah.gov/ptc-hiv/>

CDC HIV information: <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/>

[HIV prevention program manual](#)

[AIDS.gov](#)

[American Sexual Health Association](#)

[Mayo Clinic](#)

[MedLine Plus](#)

[National Institutes of Health](#)

[Planned Parenthood](#)

[NCSD HIV and STD prevention in prisons and jails \(Featuring Utah case study\)](#)

Learn more about PrEP: <https://pleaseprepme.org/>

Testing information and resources for patients:

[Free at-home HIV/STD test eligibility survey](#)

<https://hivandme.com/testing/>

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Sign up for the Utah DHHS infectious disease listserv. To subscribe, send an email to epi@utah.gov with "subscribe to hl-microbiology list" in the subject line. In the body of the email provide your name (first and last) and email address.

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