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FACT SHEET

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BY THE NUMBERS

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) Testing

■ ■ From 2009-2013, the number of people living with HIV/AIDS in Portage County increased. Source: [Portage County Community Health Assessment](#)

HIV Testing: Saving Lives with Treatment and Prevention

It is important for everyone to know their HIV status. Getting an HIV test is the first step for people living with HIV to get care and treatment and control the infection. Taking HIV medicine as prescribed helps people living with HIV to live a long, healthy life and protect their sex partners from HIV. About 85% of people with HIV in the US know they have the virus. However, 15% (162,500) of people with HIV don't know they have the virus, and about 40% of new HIV infections come from them. Half of people with HIV have had the virus 3 years or more before diagnosis. Most people at high risk who didn't get tested last year saw a healthcare provider during the year. Everyone should get tested at least once, and people at high risk should be tested at least once a year. Healthcare providers can diagnose HIV sooner if they test more people and test people at high risk more often.

Want to learn more? Source: www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/hiv-testing/index.html/



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

1 in 2

1 in 2 people with HIV have had the virus at least 3 years before diagnosis.

40%

About 40% of new HIV infections come from people who don't know they have HIV.

7 in 10

7 in 10 people at high risk for HIV who weren't tested last year saw a healthcare provider during that year.



PROBLEM

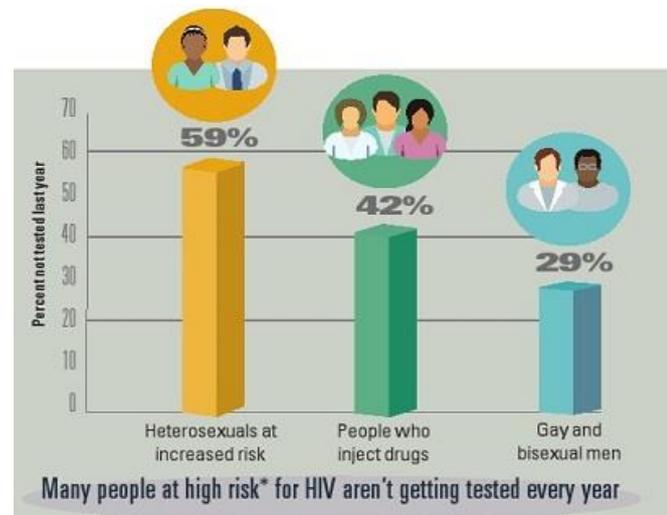
Many people have HIV for years before they know it:

- ■ In 2015, about 40,000 people in the US received an HIV diagnosis. 1 in 5 already had the most advanced stage of HIV- AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).
- ■ Missed opportunities- more than 75% of people who saw a healthcare provider weren't offered HIV testing.
- ■ Half of heterosexual men with HIV got a diagnosis 5 or more years after they got the virus- later than any other group.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Everyone can:

- ■ Know their HIV status: See a healthcare provider or find a testing site by visiting: http://kentpublichealth.org/nursing_services/adult_and_travel_immunizations, or use a home test from most drug stores.
- ■ Get tested at least once a year if at high risk.
- ■ Get tested as soon as possible if pregnant or planning for children.
- ■ Learn how to prevent HIV and protect ourselves and our loved ones: <http://www.co.portage.oh.us/PCHD/healthed.htm>.



Resource:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov