

Living with HIV



One and seven people have HIV around the world. For now, there is no cure. However, there are treatments. HIV attacks the immune system causing illnesses to be life-threatening. The common cold and flu are examples of those life-threatening seasonal threats. Because of the treatments, a person with HIV can have support during the cold and flu seasons. If untreated, HIV can develop into AIDS. For this reason, an individual must receive treatment, and with treatment, a person living with this virus can live as long and prosperous as someone living without the virus.

No matter the age, sex, gender, etc., anyone can come in contact with the virus. The symptoms include flu-like symptoms, such as a sore throat, body aches, night sweats, and nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

It is crucial to not seclude those who suffer from the virus. HIV is a sexually transmitted virus. A person may suffer from HIV, but they are still capable of having a bountiful life as any other person. A person with HIV can still have loving relationships and families without passing to their love ones. A person with HIV can also have sex with added protection. It is recommended that their partner is on preventative medication and uses a condom. Life continues, and a person who suffers from the virus can have a successful one regardless of their status.

It must be recognized that people who suffer from HIV are deserving as respect as anyone else. Bringing awareness to help prevent HIV is vital, but also the awareness of HIV in respect of preventing fear mongering is as well.

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