

## HIV Basics

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positive?

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risk for  
HIV???

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are living with HIV?

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HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. It weakens a person's immune system by destroying important cells that fight disease and infection. No effective cure exists for HIV. But with proper medical care, HIV can be controlled. Some groups of people in the United States are more likely to get HIV than others because of many factors, including their sex partners, their risk behaviors, and where they live. This section will give you basic information about HIV, such as how it's transmitted, how you can prevent it, and how to get tested for HIV.

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