

World AIDS Day 2020

Living with AIDS

Developing AIDS is a distressing ordeal. Individuals must take antiretroviral drugs every day and the levels of virus present must be regularly measured.

Not only this, additional treatment is required to allow for conception/during pregnancy, and the risk of contraction other, opportunistic infections such as Tuberculosis increases for HIV- positive individuals.

Poor health means that individuals often cannot work full-time which results in financial burden as well, and other associated mental health issues.

Causes of Infection



Use of **non-sterile** syringes/
contaminated
needles



Mother to child
infections via
breastfeeding



Unprotected sex



Key Facts

- Acquired Immunodeficiency Virus (AIDs) relates to later, advanced stages of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
- Occurs after multiple infections of HIV
- Affects 37.9 million people worldwide (as of 2018).
- Currently no cure due to the persistent nature of the virus and it's ability to evade the natural immune system.

