


# SUNDAY MORNING


# HEALTH CORNER


## HIV & AIDS Awareness

African Americans make up about 42% of all new HIV & AIDS cases in the United States. Out of the 42%, 31% of this population are males, while females make up 11% of the population. The HIV & AIDS epidemic in the African American community has continued to be a major problem, fortunately in the past decade HIV & AIDS diagnoses have decreased by 15%.


### Facts about HIV/AIDS


 HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is a virus that attacks the body's immune system. If HIV is not treated, it can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).


 There is currently no effective cure. Once people get HIV, they have it for life. But with proper medical care, HIV can be controlled.

 People with HIV who get effective HIV treatment can live long, healthy lives and protect their partners.

### Risk Factors for Higher Numbers in the African American Community

 1 in 7 African Americans with HIV are unaware they have it.

 Poverty rates among African Americans are high. The socioeconomic issues associated with poverty, including limited access to high-quality health care, housing, and HIV prevention education.

 Stigma, fear, and discrimination may prevent African Americans from accessing HIV prevention and care services.



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