

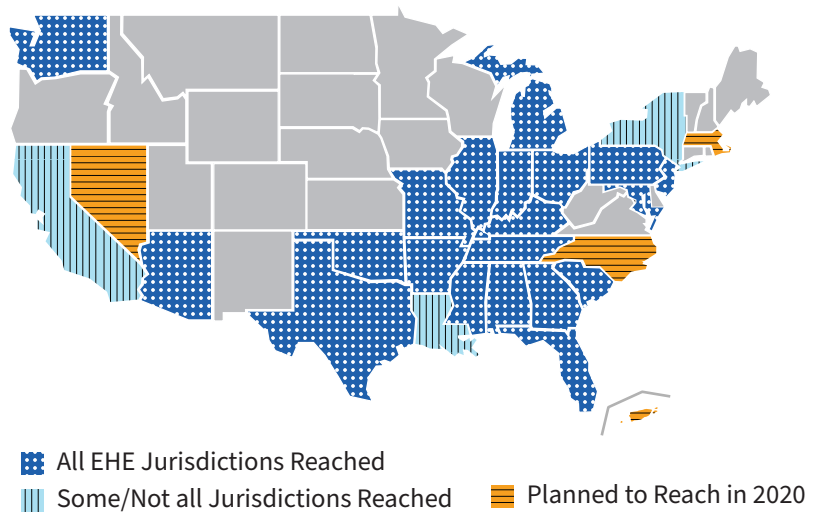
# Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Snapshot of 2019 Federal Activities

The Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative was announced in 2019. While federal funding to support implementation wasn't awarded until 2020, federal agencies and partners took steps in 2019 to visit jurisdictions, promote EHE, and engage stakeholders.



## HHS in Communities

- ▶ Made **133** Phase 1 Jurisdiction visits
- ▶ Reached **89%** Phase 1 Jurisdictions
- ▶ Participated in **79** events with state/local health departments
- ▶ Participated in **19** events with state/local government departments
- ▶ Engaged with **60+** stakeholder groups including:
  - ▶ National HIV organizations
  - ▶ Regional HIV organizations
  - ▶ Community-based organizations



## Key Accomplishments

CDC and IHS distributed **\$6M** in funding from the Minority HIV/AIDS Fund to “jumpstart” sites to support innovative efforts to expand HIV diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and response in four U.S. priority areas with high concentrations of new HIV diagnoses. Lessons learned from these jumpstart areas are providing important insights for the 57 EHE jurisdictions as they begin to scale up efforts to reduce HIV transmissions.

HHS launched the **Ready, Set, PrEP** campaign in December, a public-private partnership to increase PrEP uptake by making PrEP available at no cost to individuals without prescription drug coverage.

**Six new PACE officers** began supporting EHE activities in the Atlanta, Dallas, and Los Angeles regions. These United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers act as “Prevention through Active Community Engagement” leads within HHS, working collaboratively with jurisdictions to develop targeted interventions specifically geared toward EHE communities.

### Jumpstart Sites

- ▶ Cherokee Nation
- ▶ DeKalb County, GA
- ▶ East Baton Rouge, LA
- ▶ Baltimore City, MD

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## A Note from Harold J. Phillips, EHE COO

The exciting first full year of EHE implementation in 2020 resulted in important progress, even in spite of unexpected challenges and turmoil. Propelled by the groundwork laid in 2019, the 57 jurisdictions engaged stakeholders, developed tailored EHE plans, and began implementing them while the HHS partner agencies continued collaborating and delivering technical assistance and EHE funding to grantees nationwide.

The challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic required all of us to pivot, which, fortunately, has been a particular strength of the HIV community throughout our 40-year history. Thanks to the resilience and innovation of HIV stakeholders at the local, state, and national levels, we continued to serve those with and at risk for HIV, even when they could not access in-person HIV services due to pandemic precautions. Some of those innovations will outlive the pandemic and continue to support our EHE efforts. In addition, as the year unfolded and both the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on racial and ethnic minority populations and the national movement for racial justice animated by the police shooting of George Floyd focused the nation's attention on issues of equity, we reinforced our commitments to addressing the social and structural determinants of health that drive the HIV epidemic and confronting racism as a serious threat to public health.

This snapshot highlights some of the many EHE achievements in 2020 that advanced us on the path to ending the HIV epidemic in the U.S. by 2030, and that continue to energize our ongoing work in 2021.



*Harold J. Phillips*

## Partnerships

EHE is a whole-of-society initiative. HHS engaged with many partners to address HIV in communities, primarily in virtual settings due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- ▶ Academic centers
- ▶ Community- and faith-based organizations
- ▶ Federal, state, and local government
- ▶ Medical associations, pediatric centers, and pharmacies
- ▶ Private industry

## AHEAD →

Launched in August 2020, America's HIV Epidemic Analysis Dashboard (AHEAD) visualizes data on six indicators used to track progress toward ending the HIV epidemic.

This tool provides up-to-date information about EHE progress to help inform national and jurisdictional decision-making.

## Ready, Set, PrEP

An expansion of the program allows greater access to mail-order delivery for participants to receive PrEP HIV prevention medication at no cost.

Participants can choose to have their PrEP medication sent directly to their home or healthcare providers when they enroll or continue to use the more than 32,000 co-sponsoring pharmacies.

## Agency Updates

### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

CDC funded priority jurisdictions to develop [innovative, locally tailored plans](#) for scaling up the key strategies of the initiative.

In 2020, **all 57 jurisdictions** developed and submitted EHE plans.

### HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program EHE-funded providers engaged nearly **6,300 clients** for the first time and re-engaged an additional **3,600 clients** from March to August 2020.

Bureau of Primary Health Care funded health centers prescribed PrEP to nearly **63,000 patients** with FY 2020 Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) funds.

### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

In FY 2020, NIH provided funds to stand up **six implementation science coordinating centers** and **consultation hubs** to provide resources, mentoring, feedback, and support for new and ongoing EHE research.