### Florida's Plan to Eliminate HIV Transmission and Reduce HIV-Related Deaths

#### **Priorities:**

- Implement routine HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) screening in care settings and priority testing in non-health care settings.
- Provide HIV testing, rapid access to treatment, and ensure retention in care.
- Improve and promote access to antiretroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and nonoccupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP).
- Increase HIV awareness and community response through outreach, engagement, and messaging.

The Florida Department of Health in Lee County PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) Program addresses each of these priorities.



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# Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis







# What is PrEP?

- PrEP stands for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis.
- It is one pill taken once a day, every day, to help reduce your HIV risk.
- PrEP works best when used with condoms. Condoms should always be used.
- You must be HIV-negative before you start taking PrEP medicine.
- Some people may experience nausea, gas, or headaches.
  These symptoms often go away within a few days.



# Is PrEP right for you?

PrEP is not for everyone. If you answer "yes" to any of the statements below, PrEP may be right for you.

- You have HIV-positive partner(s) or partner(s) of unknown HIV status.
- You ever have sex without condoms.
- You have or had a sexually transmitted infection like syphilis, chlamydia, or gonorrhea in the past 6 months.
- You or your partners has exchanged sex for drugs, food, money, or housing.
- You or your partner inject drugs.

# Who should not take PrEP?

- People who are HIV positive or people who do not know their HIV status.
- People who lack the ability to take daily PrEP medicine.
- People with a history or kidney or liver problems.
- People who have chronic Hepatitis B without ongoing monitoring of the infection.

## **PrEP Program**

- After talking to a counselor to learn about the PrEP program, you will be scheduled to see clinical team member.
- At your appointment, you will see a medical provider to discuss PrEP medication and to have an initial examination and laboratory testing.
- A free 30 days supply of PrEP medication may be provided at the initial or follow-up PrEP initiation visit.
- A counselor will help ensure you continue to get medications.
- Follow up appointments everyday for three months.



# **Paying for PrEP**

- PrEP is covered by most insurance carriers. Prior authorization may be required.
- If your insurance does not cover PrEP or you do not have insurance, a counselor will assist you the Patient Assistance Program (PAP).