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## ADAP Advocacy Association Airs ‘Your Vaccine Is Waiting’ PSA for Transgender People Living with HIV/AIDS

*“Covid-19 Public Service Announcement features Jen Laws from Slidell, Louisiana”*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The ADAP Advocacy Association today aired its Public Service Announcement designed to raise awareness about transgender people living with HIV being vaccinated against Covid-19. The PSA features Jen Laws from Slidell, Louisiana.

Jen Laws is an independent policy consultant and advocate specializing in various aspects of healthcare policy and focusing on the needs of the HIV-affected and transgender communities. He currently serves as the HIV/HCV Co-Infection Watch’s project director for the Community Access National Network. He tested positive in 2004, when he was 18 years old.

“According to the Williams Institute, among transgender people 25.9% report being in poor health, 32.2% have not seen a medical provider in the last year due to cost, and 34.6% expressed their gender identity could result in denial of quality care,” said Brandon M. Macsata, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy. “And according to the World Health Organization, HIV increases the risk for severe Covid-19 by 6% and the risk of dying of Covid-19 in the hospital by 30%. Jen’s message aims to help convince the transgender community to get vaccinated and further protect themselves.”

The PSA is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8W\\_ZmVDxO74](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8W_ZmVDxO74).

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or the #YourVaccineIsWaiting public awareness campaign, please email [info@adapadvocacy.org](mailto:info@adapadvocacy.org).

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***About the ADAP Advocacy Association:*** The ADAP Advocacy Association mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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