IMPLICATIONS OF CORONAVIRUS: COVID-19’s Impact on Transgender Communities

**HIV:** United States (Source: CDC)

Nearly two million people identify as transgender (0.6% of total U.S. population), and they are disproportionately affected by HIV. Whereas the estimated HIV prevalence is only 0.5% among the general population, it is 3.2% among transgender men and 14.1% among transgender women.

According to the CDC Medical Monitoring Project, HIV care continuum outcomes for transgender patients lags behind people overall with HIV:

- Transgender People
  - HIV prescribed anti-retroviral therapy: 79.3%
  - HIV reported anti-retroviral therapy adherence: 44%
  - HIV sustained viral suppression: 56.9%
- Cisgender Men
  - HIV prescribed anti-retroviral therapy: 81.4%
  - HIV reported anti-retroviral therapy adherence: 60%
  - HIV sustained viral suppression: 63.1%
- Cisgender Women
  - HIV prescribed anti-retroviral therapy: 80.7%
  - HIV reported anti-retroviral therapy adherence: 58%
  - HIV sustained viral suppression: 59.7%

**HEALTHCARE BARRIERS:** United States (Source: Williams Institute)

Among transgender people:

- 25.9% report being in fair or poor health
- 12.8% are unemployed
- 32.2% have not seen a medical provider in the last year due to cost
- 47.7% live below 200% of FPL
- 6.9% experienced homelessness in the last year
- 54.1% report intimate partner violence
- 42.0% attempted suicide at some point in their lives
- 34.6% fear expressing their gender identity could result in denial of quality care

**COVID-19 SNAPSHOT:** United States (Source: Human Rights Campaign)

According to the Human Rights Campaign, COVID-19’s economic impact has been disproportionately felt by transgender people.

- 54% vs. 23% reported reduce work hours
- 19% vs. 12% reported unemployment
- 29% vs. 7% reported unpaid leave
- 27% vs. 7% reported a payout
- 27% vs. 5% forced to switch to part-time work
- 59% vs. 15% afraid they will not be able to pay their bills (other than mortgages)

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