

# AWARE NEWSLETTER

## World AIDS Day

*"Reflection on what we have achieved with regard to the national and global response to HIV and what we still must achieve" - CATIE*

On December 1st we come together, this year virtually, to look at the changes around treatment, prevention and care as they pertain to HIV and AIDS, but we must also continue to work to raise awareness around HIV and AIDS, what HIV is, how it is transmitted, and how to affects all people across all populations around the world.



This year we had the introduction of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19), which has negatively impacted the health of people living with HIV and AIDS, but also decreased testing, treatment, and care.

## Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week

*"a dialogue about HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) among people in your community" - CAAN*

From December 1st to December 5th CAAN discusses what Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week means for Indigenous peoples. It is an opportunity to increase awareness and knowledge about HIV/AIDS in Indigenous communities. Establish ongoing prevention and education programs in Indigenous communities. Address common attitudes that may interfere with prevention, care and treatment activities. And, to reduce HIV/AIDS related stigma and discrimination.

Due to systemic racism and inequality in our healthcare system Indigenous peoples are disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS than non-Indigenous people. We must work to center Indigenous peoples lives and make treatment, prevention, and healthcare a priority for all Indigenous peoples.

***Remember to add these events to your calendar for 2021!***

Sources:

CAAN: <https://caan.ca/en/programs-projects/aboriginal-aids-awareness-week/>

CATIE: <https://www.catie.ca/en/world-aids-day>