

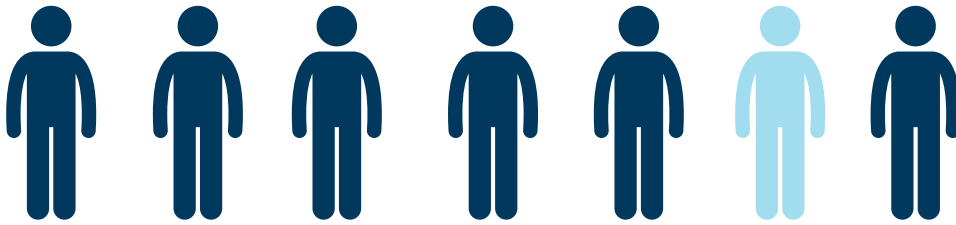
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February 7th - African, Caribbean, Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Alongside Black History Month, African, Caribbean and Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day takes place in Canada and the United States.

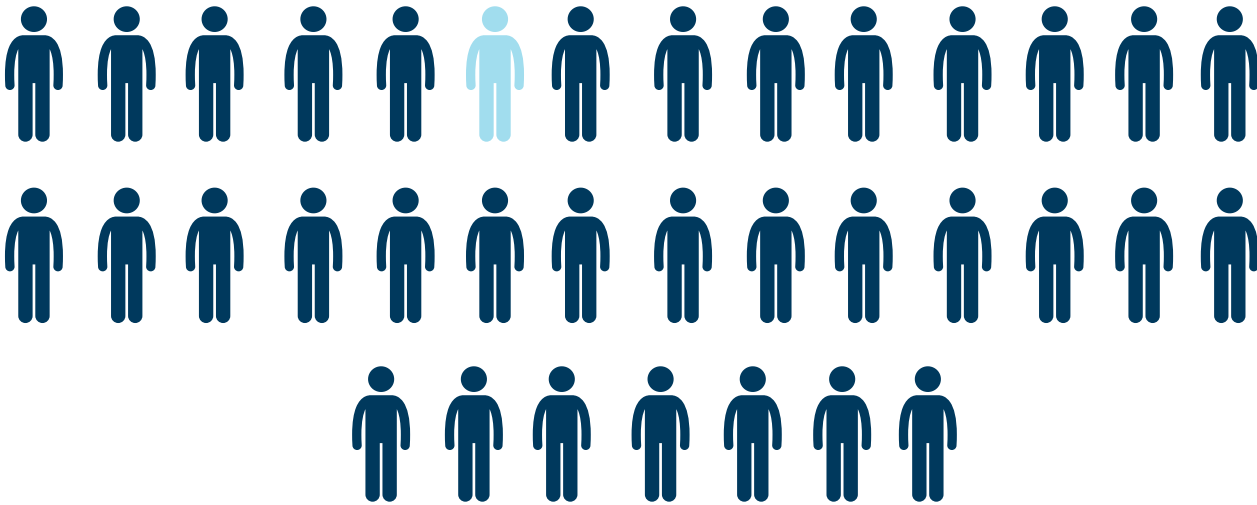
Why have an HIV/AIDS awareness day for the Black community?

The rate of new HIV infection is approximately 6 times higher for African, Caribbean & Black people in Canada versus other Canadians. Approximately 13.9% of new HIV infections in Canada are in African, Caribbean & Black people, yet this group only makes up 2.5% of Canada's population.



1 in 7 people living with HIV in Canada are Black.

1 in 35 people living in Canada are Black.



Let's de-stigmatize HIV and fight against the discrimination that Black people face. This stigma and discrimination prevents Black people from accessing HIV prevention, treatment, and care.

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