Addressing HIV, HCV, & STIs during & after COVID-19

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Latinos in the South

- Capacity Building, Community Mobilization, and Community Based Participatory Research
- Regional focus: TN, LA, NC, SC, AL, GA, TX, FL, & MS

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Black and Hispanic/Latino MSM continue to be disproportionately impacted by HIV.

Between 2008 and 2017, new HIV diagnoses among Black and Hispanic/Latino Gay and Bisexual Men in the South continued to rise.
In 2016, 48% of all deaths among people with HIV were in the South.

NUMBER OF DEATHS BY REGION, 2016

- **West**: 17%
- **South**: 48%
- **Midwest**: 11%
- **Northeast**: 24%

SOURCE: CDC
In 2018, the South had the most unmet need for PrEP by region. (Lowest PrEP to Need Ratio)

State-Level PrEP-to-Need Ratio, 2018

- **South**: 2.12
- **Midwest**: 4.65
- **Northeast**: 6.44
- **West**: 3.86

Here, the PrEP-to-Need Ratio (PnR) is the ratio of the number of PrEP users in 2018 to the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV in 2017.
Access to Health Care
Acceso a Cuidado de Salud
Medicaid Expansion | Ampliación de Medicaid

- Lack of Medicaid Expansion in the South led to:
  - Hospital closures in rural areas
  - More people uninsured
  - Lack of access and utilization of care

- La falta de expansión de Medicaid en el sur condujo a:
  - Cierre de hospitales en zonas rurales.
  - Más personas sin seguro
  - Falta de acceso y utilización de la atención.
Telemedicine | Telemedicina

- Increased use with more flexibility for physicians
- Temporary changes to billing
- Reimagination of HIV/STI testing, mail order pharmacy, etc.

- Mayor uso con más flexibilidad para médicos.
- Cambios temporales en la facturación.
- Reimaginación de como hacer pruebas de VIH / ITS, la farmacia de pedidos por correo, etc.
What we already know | Lo que ya sabemos

- Widespread testing
- End criminalization
- Coverage for care regardless of legal status
- Culturally/linguistically appropriate care is a priority

- Pruebas generalizadas
- Acabar con la criminalización
- Cobertura de atención sin importar el estatus legal
- Prioridad a atención cultural / lingüísticamente apropiada
gracias

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