

# Here are some actions you can take to fight to stop HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination:

#### For Individuals:

- **Get Tested**: Regular HIV testing is crucial. Know your status and encourage others to do the same.
- Educate Yourself and Others: Stay informed about HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and transmission. Share this knowledge within workplaces, community settings and online.
- Speak Up: Challenge discriminatory remarks or jokes about HIV/AIDS.
- Support Colleagues: Offer support to colleagues who are living with HIV/AIDS.
- Support Local Initiatives: Volunteer or donate to HIV/AIDS organizations.
- Policy Advocacy: Encourage the adoption of non-discriminatory health policies at work.
- Lobbying: Lobby parliamentarians to create and enforce laws that protect the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Faith-Based Outreach: Engage with faith leaders to promote compassionate responses to HIV/AIDS.
- Community Dialogues: Host or participate in community discussions to raise awareness.
- **Fundraise**: Organize or contribute to fundraisers for HIV/AIDS research and support services.
- Art and Expression: Use art, music, and literature to convey messages of support and understanding.

#### For Healthcare Providers:

- **Enhance Accessibility**: Ensure that HIV testing and treatment are accessible to all Ontarians, regardless of their background.
- **Promote Viral Suppression**: Support patients in maintaining their treatment regimens to achieve viral suppression.



• **Educate Patients**: Provide comprehensive education to patients about HIV management and prevention.

#### For Educators:

- Incorporate HIV/AIDS Education: Include accurate information about HIV/AIDS in the curriculum.
- Create Supportive Environments: Foster a school environment that is inclusive and supportive of students living with or affected by HIV.

## For Employers:

- Implement Non-Discriminatory Policies: Ensure workplace policies protect the rights of employees living with HIV/AIDS.
- Educate Your Workforce: Host workshops and seminars to educate employees about HIV and reduce stigma.
- Campaigns: Lead or join campaigns that focus on reducing HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination.
- **Healthcare Involvement**: Collaborate with healthcare providers to improve care for people living with HIV/AIDS.

### For Community Leaders:

- Advocate for Inclusivity: Work towards creating inclusive spaces for all, regardless of HIV/AIDS status.
- **Engage in Dialogue**: Lead community discussions to address stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS.

## For Media Personnel:

- Responsible Reporting: Share stories that humanize individuals living with HIV/AIDS and avoid sensationalism.
- Raise Awareness: Use your platform to spread awareness about HIV prevention and treatment options.



## For Policy Makers:

- Support 90-90-90 Goals: Strive to meet and surpass the UN's 90-90-90 targets.
- Allocate Resources: Ensure funding is available for HIV prevention, treatment, and support services.