



October 8, 2025

The Honorable Jim O'Neill
Acting Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30329

Dear Acting Director O'Neill,

On behalf of the HIV Prevention Action Coalition (HPAC), a workgroup of the [Federal AIDS Policy Partnership](#), we are writing to express serious concern regarding recent reports that 22 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) webpages have been deleted. Many of these sites contained vital information related to LGBTQ+ health, HIV, hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections (STI), and tuberculosis (TB) prevention, and access to care. Eliminating access to vital public health content undermines transparency. It erodes trust, particularly among communities that are disproportionately affected by these epidemics, including LGBTQ+ individuals, Black and Brown communities, rural populations, and those with limited access to health care.

These online resources provide trusted, evidence-based information that health departments, health care providers, and community organizations rely on to effectively inform their programs and reach communities. Current epidemiological trends underscore this concern. According to CDC's *Sexually Transmitted Infections Surveillance, 2024 (Provisional)* report, congenital syphilis increased for the twelfth consecutive year, with nearly 4,000 reported cases. While the combined number of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis cases declined 9% from 2023, down a third consecutive year, there were still more than 2.2 million reported STIs in 2024. Compared to a decade ago, total STI cases are 13% higher, and congenital syphilis rates have increased by nearly 700%. In addition, STIs among adults aged 65 and older have more than doubled in the past decade. At the same time, hepatitis B remains a significant and growing public health challenge: nearly 900,000 people in the U.S. are living with chronic hepatitis B, and new infections have been rising. Hepatitis B-related complications, including cirrhosis and liver cancer, claim thousands of lives each year. These data underscore why access to accurate, up-to-date information is essential.

We urge the CDC to take the following actions:

- Commit to restoring or replacing deleted materials with up-to-date, evidence-based information.
- Provide a clear and public explanation for the removal of these webpages.
- Adopt transparent, accountable policies to prevent future disruptions in the delivery of public health information and resources.

Ending the epidemics of HIV, STIs, TB, and hepatitis depends on equitable access to accurate, science-based information, informed by the lived experiences of affected populations. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the HPAC co-chairs: Kevin Herwig (kherwig@hivhep.org), Mike Weir (mweir@NASTAD.org), and Nick Armstrong (NArmstrong@taimail.org).

Organizational Sign-Ons:

Advocates for Youth	SAGE
AIDS Action Baltimore	San Francisco AIDS Foundation
AIDS Alabama	Save HIV Funding Campaign
AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families	SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change
AIDS Foundation Chicago	Southern Black Policy and Advocacy Network
AIDS United	The Center for HIV Law & Policy (CHLP)
American Thoracic Society	The Well Project
APLA Health	Thrive Alabama
AVAC	Transcanwork
DAP Health	Treatment Action Group (TAG)
Equality California	Treatment on Demand Coalition
Fast-Track Cities Institute	U.S. People Living with HIV Caucus
Five Horizons Health Services	Vivent Health
Health GAP	
HealthHIV	
HIV Medicine Association	
Housing Works, Inc.	
Hyacinth AIDS Foundation	
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care	
International Community of Women Living with HIV North America	
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund	
Legal Action Center	
Medical IMPACT (IMPACT OUTREACH, A.C.)	
NASTAD	
National Coalition for LGBTQ Health	
National Coalition of STD Directors	
National HIV Aging Advocacy Network	
National Working Positive Coalition	
NC AIDS Action Network	
NMAC	
PrEP4All	
Presbyterian HIV Network, PHEWA, PC USA	
Pride Action Tank	