A timeline

81 82 83 85 86 87 88 89 90 91

20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports first cases of rare pneumonia in young gay men.

The CDC establishes the term Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and refers to the four "identified risk factors" of male homosexuality, intravenous drug abuse, Haitian origin and hemophilia A.

- First Congressional hearing held on HIV/AIDS.
- CDC adds female sexual partners of men with AIDS as fifth risk group.
- CDC clarifies its use of term "high risk group" and urges that it not be used to justify discrimination or unwarranted fear of casual contact.

Ryan White, an Indiana teenager who has AIDS, is barred from school; goes on to become an outspoken advocate against AIDS-related discrimination.

- Despite being President of the US since the start of the AIDS epidemic, President Reagan first mentions the word AIDS in public.
- Surgeon General Koop issues Report on AIDS, calling for education and condom use, distributed to every US household.

- The Food and Drug Administration approves the first antiretroviral treatment of AIDS –AZT.
- CDC holds its first National Conference on HIV & communities of color.
- The National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, the National Minority AIDS Council, and the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention form.

Boston's Multicultural AIDS Coalition is formed.

- Dancer and Choreographer Alvin Ailey dies.
- MAC receives its first Prevention & Education grant from DPH.

- Congress enacts the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990, which provides $220.5 million in federal funds for community-based care and treatment services in the first year.
- The first National Conference on Women and AIDS is held in Boston.

NBA legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces that he is HIV-positive and retires from basketball.

92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 01

- 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS - 20 YEARS OF AIDS

- AIDS becomes the number one cause of death for men aged 25-44.
- MAC opens the Community Resource Center.
- MAC initiates providing fiscal sponsorship & technical support to multi-ethnic start-up ASOs.
- Hundreds of community members from across the country converge on Washington, DC to lobby Congress for increased AIDS funding as part of the first annual AIDSWatch.
- Arthur Ashe, tennis great and crusader against racial prejudice, apartheid and AIDS, dies of AIDS.

AIDS becomes the leading cause of death for all Americans ages 25-44.

- National Institutes of Health (NIH) issues guidelines requiring applicants for NIH grants to address "the appropriate inclusion of women & minorities in clinical research."
- Wayne Wright, the MAC's founding executive director, dies of AIDS.

HIV no longer leading cause of death for all Americans ages 25-44; remains leading cause of death for African Americans in this age group.

AIDS-related deaths in the US decline by more than 40% compared to the prior year, largely due to the advent of combination therapy. (Overall declines mask disparity among racial and ethnic minorities.)

- Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) calls for the declaration of a public health emergency; Congress approves $156 million for the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, coinciding with Surgeon General Satcher's efforts to address racial and ethnic health disparities; and African-American leaders declare a State of Emergency.

- US announces new funding for global AIDS pandemic.
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus convenes Congressional hearing on impact of HIV/AIDS in Latino Community.
- The MAC receives funding to lead Black HIV/AIDS Coalition. First phase, to assess the need and develop a plan for improving access to health care, treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS for African-Americans, begins.

- CDC reports that, among men who have sex with men, African American and Latino cases exceed those among whites.
- Congress reauthorizes the Ryan White CARE Act for the second time and approves $1.8 billion in funding for the program.
- Massachusetts becomes the first state to enroll new clients in Medicaid expansion waiver for low-income people with HIV.
- The MAC leads the African Health Initiative, working to improve the health status of African people, particularly those living in Massachusetts.

- Newly-appointed Secretary of State Colin Powell reaffirms US statement that HIV/AIDS presents a national security threat.
- The MAC initiates the Community Health Nexus Project, providing technical assistance and capacity building to minority community-based organizations.
- The MAC launches its website, www.mac-boston.org.
- The MAC begins implementation of the Black HIV/AIDS Coalition's linked network of care, treatment and prevention services.

The major source for this timeline is the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation