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EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON AIDS AVAILABLE

AIDS AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

The Texas Department of Health Film Library has added several new titles on AIDS to its audiovisual catalog. These items are available on a loan basis to health departments, schools, community organizations, and other responsible parties within Texas.

AIDS: Spread Facts, Not Fear (Slide/audiocassette) - Produced by the American Red Cross, this factual, reassuring program allays unreasonable fears about AIDS in language for the layman. Topics include modes of transmission, signs and symptoms, and how to avoid and prevent the spread of AIDS, with an emphasis on rational behavior based on personal responsibility. The 20-minute program consists of 78 slides and an audiocassette.

Beyond Fear (Videocassette) - This program, produced by the American Red Cross and narrated by actor Robert Vaughn, features interviews with physicians, researchers, and AIDS patients and their families. *Beyond Fear* consists of three 20-minute segments:

The Virus - provides information about the HIV/HTLV-III virus and how it is transmitted.

The Individual - explains who is at risk and how individuals can protect themselves from infection. This segment also explains what activities do NOT transmit infection.

The Community - discusses what communities are doing to meet public health needs through education and describes some of the public policy issues faced by communities.

The three 20-minute segments may be viewed separately or in sequence as a single, 60-minute program.

AIDS: What Everyone Needs to Know (Videocassette) - This 18-minute videotape discusses the facts and myths about AIDS. Animation is used to explain how the virus is transmitted and how it affects the immune system. An AIDS patient and his wife impart an understanding of the reality of the disease.

AIDS: Fears and Facts (Videocassette) - Doctor James Curran of the Public Health Service answers the questions most often asked by the general public about AIDS in this 23-minute videotape. Doctor Curran explains, in easy-to-understand language, facts about AIDS, information about risk behaviors, and steps that can be taken to prevent infection.

What If The Patient Has AIDS? (Videocassette)* - Designed for health care workers, including hospital and laboratory personnel, this 22-minute videotape outlines the risks associated with certain procedures involved in caring for persons with AIDS, ARC, and HIV infection and reviews precautions recommended to minimize those risks.

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*AIDS and Your Job - What You Should Know (Videocassette)** - This 13-minute videotape outlines risks and precautions about which public safety professionals (police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and correctional officers) should be aware if they have contact with blood or body fluids from a person with AIDS or a person infected with HIV. The presentation emphasizes that the virus is not spread through casual contact. Information and precautionary measures presented can reduce unwarranted fear of AIDS and the risk of exposure.

Note: Copies of each title are available on 1/2" VHS and 3/4" U-Matic videotapes. All items are appropriate for use with general public and secondary school audiences except for videotapes marked with an asterisk (*). All materials should be previewed before use. For information about how to borrow any of these titles, contact the Texas Department of Health Film Library, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756 or call (512) 458-7260.

AIDS PAMPHLETS

TDH has developed several patient pamphlets on AIDS which now are available upon request.

- "What Everyone Should Know About AIDS and HIV" (#4-141)
- "Lo Que Todos Deben Saber Acerca del AIDS y HTLV-III" (#4-141a)
- "AIDS and the Black Community" (#4-143)
- "AIDS and the IV Drug User" (#4-145)
- "AIDS y el Consumidor de Drogas por Via Intravenosa" (#4-145a)

These patient pamphlets are available free of charge in quantity to local and regional health departments, civic organizations, professional associations, schools, community-based groups, and others upon written request. Local and regional health departments should use the TDH Form AG-30 when requesting patient pamphlets. All others should send written requests stating the title of each brochure, the stock number, and the quantity desired. All requests for these pamphlets should be directed to:

Texas Department of Health
Literature and Forms
1100 W. 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756-3199

AIDS POSTER

Included as an insert in this issue of PDN is an adaptation of a full-size (17" X 20") poster distributed by the American Red Cross. For additional copies of the full-size poster, "You Can't Get AIDS---" (Stock # AIDS-11), contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross.

SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT ON AIDS

On October 22, 1986, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, MD, released his report on AIDS. The Surgeon General described the report as an objective health and medical report and recommended that every adult and adolescent in America read it. The report emphasizes the fact that AIDS is not spread by casual, non-sexual contact, but by high-risk sexual and drug-related behaviors---behaviors that individuals can choose to avoid.

Single copies of "The Surgeon General's Report on AIDS," a 36-page booklet, may be obtained free by writing to:

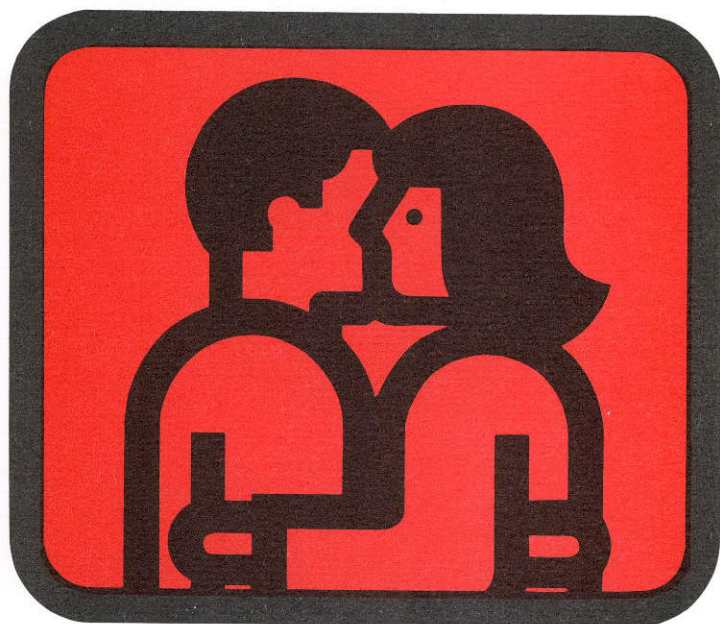
The Surgeon General's Report on AIDS
PO Box 14252
Washington, DC 20044

* These items are not intended for general public audiences. Information is presented in a technical format and designed for use with health care workers or public safety professionals only.

You Can't Get AIDS—



By Shaking Hands



Or By Hugging



In Restaurants



Or In Restrooms

**AIDS doesn't spread through casual contact.
Don't let fear get in the way of facts.
Take the time to learn about AIDS.**

**Toll Free AIDS Hotline
1-800-342-AIDS**

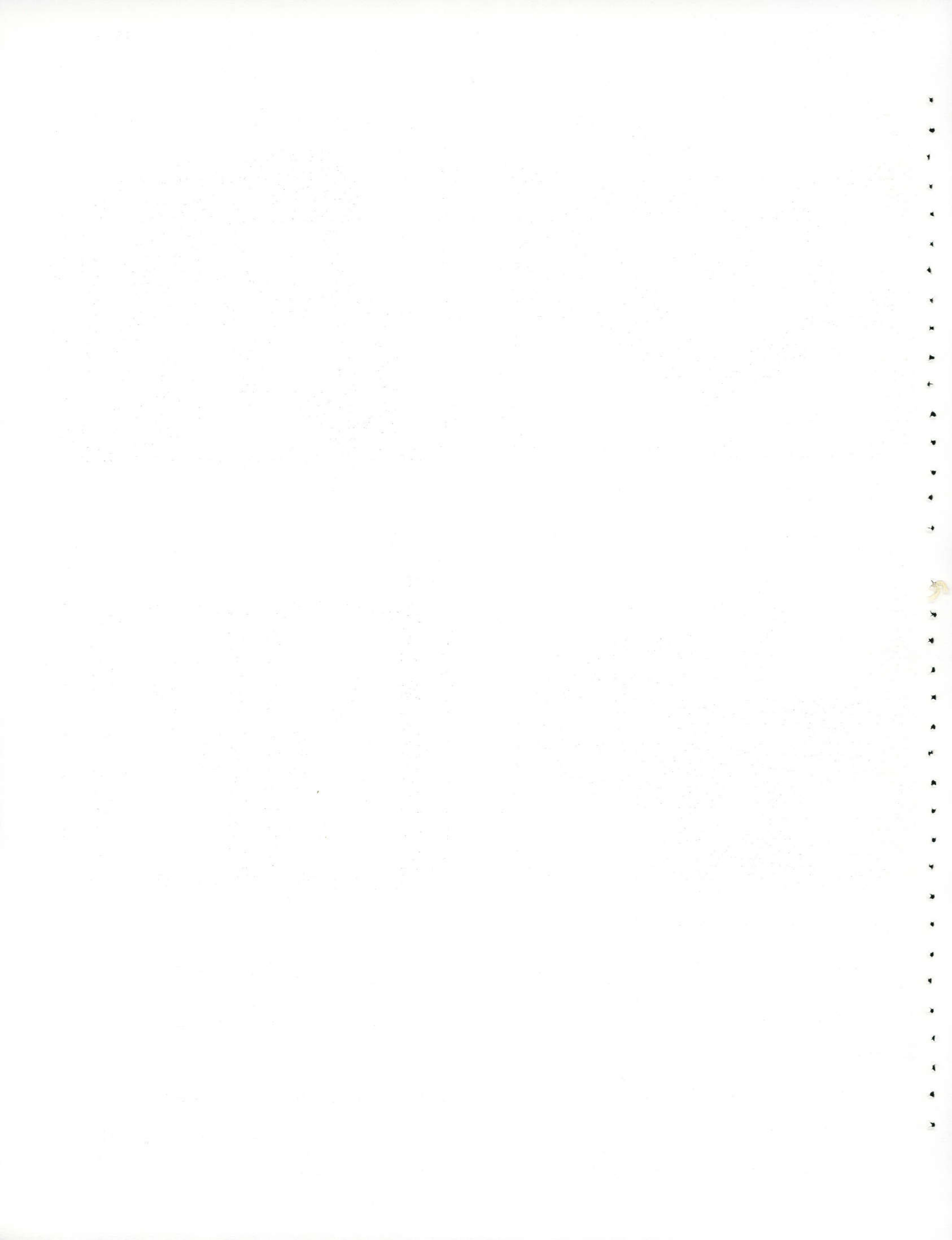
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TEXAS AIDS SURVEILLANCE, 1980-1986
(Case Count by Date of Diagnosis)

COUNTY *	1980-1982		1983		1984		1985		1986		CUMULATIVE			
	CASES	DEATHS	CASES	DEATHS	CASES	DEATHS	CASES	DEATHS	CASES	DEATHS	CASES	DEATHS	(CFR%)	
BEXAR	4	3	14	12	9	7	27	18	24	11	78	51	65	
BRAZORIA	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	6	6	3	14	10	71	
BRAZOS	0	0	1	1	5	5	3	3	3	0	12	9	75	
DALLAS	7	7	25	20	73	70	134	90	171	63	410	250	61	
FORT BEND	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	7	5	2	15	10	67	
GALVESTON	0	0	1	1	4	3	5	4	10	3	20	11	55	
HARRIS	26	24	73	69	170	142	294	188	328	95	891	518	58	
JEFFERSON	1	1	0	0	2	1	4	3	4	1	11	6	55	
NUECES	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	0	9	3	15	6	40	
TARRANT	1	1	1	1	8	7	28	21	31	11	69	41	59	
TRAVIS	0	0	3	3	19	14	36	23	31	6	89	46	52	
** WALKER	0	0	1	1	4	4	4	4	12	4	21	13	62	
ALL OTHERS	0	0	10	10	20	19	49	33	75	26	154	88	57	
STATEWIDE	39	36	129	118	320	277	602	400	709	228	1799	1059		
	CFR%	92	CFR%	91	CFR%	87	CFR%	66	CFR%	32			CFR%	59

* Counties listed individually are those with a cumulative total of 10+ cases.

** 16 cases are Texas Department of Corrections inmates.

CFR% = case-fatality ratio

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EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLETS
PREPARED BY THE BUREAU OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

The following literature and forms are published by the Bureau of Epidemiology, TDH. (See TDH catalog for a complete listing of items published by other bureaus.)

GENERAL LITERATURE

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|--------|---|-------|--|
| 4-89 | International Travel and Your Health - Planning for Your Trip | 6-8 | Gastroenteritis |
| 4-89a* | Health Guide for the International Traveler - On the Trip | 6-9 | Washing Your Hands of Day Care Center Infections |
| 6-1 | Influenza | 6-10 | Viral Hepatitis |
| 6-1a | Influenza (Spanish) | 6-10a | Viral Hepatitis (Spanish) |
| 6-2 | The Common Cold | 6-26 | Diarrhea |
| 6-3 | Home Canning/Dangers of Botulism | 6-27 | Diarrhea (Spanish) |
| 6-5 | What is Impetigo? (Bilingual) | 6-30 | Communicable Disease Chart |

TECHNICAL LITERATURE

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|--------|--|-------|--|
| 6-101 | Rules and Regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases | 6-133 | Summary of Infectious Diseases Affecting Children |
| 6-101a | Reportable Diseases of Texas | 6-140 | Diagnosis of Typhoid Fever |
| 6-108 | Rabies Prophylaxis | 6-142 | Identification & Confirmation of Reportable Diseases |

FORMS

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|-------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| EPI-1 | Notifiable Disease Report Card | EPI-2 | Communicable Disease Record |
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General literature is available free of charge to all Texas residents or organizations upon written request. When ordering these materials, please state: 1) title, literature number, and quantity; 2) purpose for use of materials; and 3) organization or affiliation.

Two new general-use pamphlets are now available -- "Gastroenteritis" (#6-8), and "Washing Your Hands of Day Care Center Infections" (#6-9). "Gastroenteritis" describes the causes, treatment, and prevention of common gastrointestinal illnesses. The day-care center pamphlet describes six communicable diseases commonly encountered in the day-care setting and the importance of handwashing as a control measure. In addition, adequate supplies of the two international travel pamphlets, #4-89 and #4-89a*, are now available.

Technical literature is available only to professionals (eg, nurses, doctors, teachers, dieticians, sanitarians, health educators, veterinarians, engineers, etc). Please denote your professional status when ordering these items.

All literature and form requests should be made in writing (on TDH form AG-30 or AG-30a if available) to:

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* The stock number (#4-90) printed on this pamphlet is in error and should be disregarded when ordering. The correct number is #4-89a.

1986 Communicable Disease Reports Due

The official statistical cut-off date for communicable disease reports from 1986 will be **February 28, 1987**. Please forward all reports of cases with dates of onset in 1986 to the Bureau of Epidemiology, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756-3180, before that date.

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