HIV Among Young Black Men Who Have Sex with Men in Michigan

Nationally and in Michigan, the fastest growing population of HIV-positive persons are young black males (ages 13-24) who have sex with males (YBMSM).

- Young MSM (ages 13-24) account for 600 cases of HIV infection in Michigan. Of those, 81 percent are black.

**Figure 1. Young MSM currently living with HIV infection by race**

- People living with HIV are said to be virally suppressed when they have a viral load of <200 copies/mL of blood.
- Fifty-one percent of YBMSM are virally suppressed.
- Among young MSM, YBMSM are less likely to achieve viral suppression compared to young MSM of other races.

**Figure 2. Viral suppression rates among young MSM living with HIV in Michigan**

**Figure 3. Thirteen through 19 year olds vs. persons 20 and older at HIV diagnosis by race and risk**

- Between 2009 and 2013, MSM were 56 percent of all new HIV diagnoses. Of these, 57 percent were black.
- MSM between the ages of 13 and 19 are more likely to be black than those 20 years and older.
- Sixty-three percent of HIV-infected teens are black and had infections attributed to having sex with men (MSM), including MSM/Injection drug users (IDU).