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### **Emory University Launches Online Map Showing Impact of HIV in Los Angeles County**

First time L.A. county zip-code-level HIV prevalence rates  
by sex, race/ethnicity and age groups released on interactive map

WASHINGTON – Today, on World AIDS Day, the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University is releasing an interactive map of zip-code-level HIV prevalence data for Los Angeles County, Calif., on AIDS Vu ([www.aidsvu.org](http://www.aidsvu.org)). The L.A. county map will be unveiled this morning by Mario J. Pérez, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Division of HIV and STD Programs, at a stakeholder briefing on the state of the HIV and STD response in L.A. County. The release of this data marks the first time Los Angeles County zip-code-level HIV prevalence rates by sex, race/ethnicity and age groups have been displayed on an interactive map.

The L.A. briefing is being hosted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Division of HIV and STD Programs and will be attended by prevention and care providers, community partners, policy leaders, and other stakeholders.

Launched in June, AIDS Vu is an interactive online map providing a unique view of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States. The incorporation of the new Los Angeles County zip-code-level data adds to the zip-code data already available on the site for New York City and Washington, D.C.

AIDS Vu provides the most detailed publicly available view of the impact of HIV across the United States by state, county and, in certain instances, zip code. The detailed data on AIDS Vu pinpoint areas of the country where HIV prevalence rates are the highest, and where the needs for prevention, testing and treatment services are the most urgent.

AIDS Vu's Los Angeles County zip-code-level data were obtained from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and were compiled by researchers at Emory University.

In 2011, the Los Angeles County HIV Program estimated there were more than 61,000 people living with HIV, and that at least 13,000 did not know their status because they had not been tested and diagnosed.

#### **Who (available for interviews):**

- Patrick Sullivan, PhD, Principal Researcher, AIDS Vu; Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University
- Douglas Frye, MD, MPH, HIV Surveillance Coordinator, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Division of HIV and STD Programs

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**Where:** Online at [www.aidsvu.org](http://www.aidsvu.org).

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