

Helpful Links

Planned Parenthood

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>

American Sexual Health Association (ASHA)

<http://www.ashasexualhealth.org/>

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

CDC - HPV

<https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/>

CDC - Herpes

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/Herpes/default.htm>

The STD Project

<https://www.thestdproject.com/>

Project Accept

<http://projectaccept.org/>

Positive Singles (Dating Site)

<http://www.ohiofriendsstdating.org/>

HWERKS

<https://hwerks.com/>

HC Network

<https://www.herpescoldsores.com/>

Statistics

Herpes infection is common. About 1 in 8 people aged 14-49 in the U.S. has genital herpes.

About 1 in 2 people ages 14-49 in the U.S. are infected with HSV-1, which is the typical cause of oral herpes. However, increasing numbers of genital herpes cases are caused by HSV-1.

Symptoms of genital herpes often go unnoticed. Most people with genital herpes—close to 90%—don't know they have the infection.

Globally, researchers estimate that about two-thirds of the population under age 50—more than 3.7 billion people—are infected with HSV-1. Some 140 million people aged 15-49 are infected with genital HSV-1, primarily in the Americas, Europe and Western Pacific.

Researchers estimate that at least 80% of sexually active people will have an HPV infection at some point in their lifetime.

CDC data for 2013–2014 show that about 42% of men and 40% of women aged 18-59 had genital HPV at that time.

HPV is responsible for approximately 31,500 cases of cancer each year, including nearly all cases of cervical and anal cancer, about 75% of vaginal cancer, 70% of oropharyngeal cancer, and 69% of vulvar cancer.

Within 6 years of the introduction of the first HPV vaccine, there was a 64% decrease in HPV prevalence among females aged 14 to 19 years and a 34% decrease among those aged 20 to 24 years.

HERPES AND HPV SUPPORT GROUP



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SUPPORT GROUP

Ohio Friends Support is a support group for those with herpes and/or HPV. Meetings are held in Columbus, Ohio monthly. Please check our website for location, meeting dates, and time information at:

www.ohiofriends.org/support or text/call

(614) 706-1424.



ABOUT THE MEETINGS

Ohio Friends Support is here to provide emotional support and education that many people seek after being diagnosed with one or both of these viruses.

After being informed you have herpes, or HPV, there are a lot of questions; everything from toilet seats to having children. There is a lot of information on the internet about herpes and HPV that can be both confusing and scary.

At our meetings, we openly discuss living and socializing with a STD. We are able to answer your questions and listen to your concerns. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions and share personal experiences if you wish.

Participation is voluntary. Listening to other people who have lived with these viruses for years, can give you a better understanding of what you might expect.

By attending a meeting, you will be able to communicate with others that understand what you are going through. They have been where you are now. Many of our attendee's have reported that their self-esteem and confidence are higher after meeting other individuals with these viruses.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The Ohio Friends Support group provides an atmosphere of trust, understanding, and support in a private setting. What we share among each other is confidential. Each of us has the right to remain anonymous. Should we see a member of the support group outside of the meeting, we should respect that person's right to remain anonymous. At a meeting, each of us has the option of joining in the discussion or just listening.

DONATIONS

Meetings are free to attend. Any donations received will be applied to advertising, printing, and website maintenance costs.



SOCIAL AND DATING GROUPS

Joining Ohio Friends is a way for you to go from newly diagnosed to socializing and dating again. The Ohio Friends newsletter will keep you informed of activities happening throughout Ohio and across the country. Visit www.ohiofriends.org/join-us and sign up for our newsletter!

Once you are a member of Ohio Friends, we encourage you to join the many secret and hidden Facebook groups: an online community to socialize privately with other individuals with herpes/HPV. You cannot search for these groups and must request to be added. For more information please email Info@ohiofriends.org or send a text to (614) 706-1424.

Positive Singles is the world's largest and most trusted online dating site for people with Herpes, HPV, and other STD's. Please visit www.ohiofriendsstddating.org for more information.

The logo for Ohio Friends features the word "Ohio" in a large, stylized, cursive font with a grey shadow effect. Below it, the word "Friends" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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