

University Statement on HIV/AIDS

New York University recognizes the need to respond to the current epidemic of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).

In March 1989, the University's HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee endorsed the recommendations and guidelines set forth in the General Statement on Institutional Response to AIDS, published by the American College Health Association's Task Force on Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The University's Committee revised and updated the statement in March 1994.

In adopting the American College Health Association statement as a guide for all of its students and employees, the University affirms its commitment to addressing HIV/ AIDS-related issues and circumstances in a spirit of cooperation, compassion, flexibility, and sensitivity to individual needs, as well as the community welfare. The American College Health Association statement stresses education as the best currently available means of controlling the spread of this serious disease and contains recommended practices with regard to general policy, as well as specific issues including admissions, attendance, access to facilities, student housing, disability considerations, medical care, HIV antibody testing, confidentiality of information, safety precautions, support services, and protection against discrimination and harassment.

Copies of the full updated American College Health Association policy, along with educational brochures and related information, are available at the following University locations: NYU Health Center, Student Resource Center, Moses Center for Students with Disabilities, NYU Information Center, Office of Student Activities, residence hall managers' offices, and the dean's office in each school. For individuals with personal questions, the University operates a confidential HIV/AIDS hotline, 212-443-1100, on weekdays, 9am-5pm. A listing of HIV/AIDS-related organizations and support groups can be obtained at the Office of Wellness Learning, located at the NYU Health Center, 212-443-1000.

The University also recognizes that knowledge and information about HIV/AIDS continues to change as more is learned about the disease, its effects, and means to prevent its occurrence and spread. This statement will, therefore, be reviewed periodically by the University's HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee, and changes will be recommended as appropriate.

Individuals with HIV/AIDS are protected against illegal discrimination by city, state, and federal laws, including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Questions or concerns in this regard should be addressed to the Center for Students with Disabilities, 240 Greene Street, 2nd Floor, 212-998-4976, or to the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Bobst Library, Room 1225, 212-998-2370.