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## Intervention Strategies for Preventing the Spread of HIV/AIDS Infection

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**WHEREAS** there is currently no treatment that can render a person infected with the virus causing Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome non-infectious;

**WHEREAS** the treatment strategies available under the virulent disease designation in the Health Protection and Promotion Act cannot successfully protect against the spread of HIV infection; and

**WHEREAS** education, in conjunction with behaviour change supports, are the best available strategies to halt the spread of HIV infection,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** OPHA promote, in addressing the spread of HIV, intervention strategies that are progressive and effective and are based upon the principle of “least invasive, least restrictive, reasonably available, likely to be effective”;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** OPHA advocate that section 22(4) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act be amended to add the option for a Medical Officer of Health to require that a person, to whom the order is directed, seek and obtain forthwith education, counselling and follow-up support to modify his or her behaviour so as to avoid infecting other individuals; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** OPHA take action to counter attempts to portray all people with HIV as dangerous and irresponsible.

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