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Condom Availability at Historically Black Colleges & Universities

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ABSTRACT

This study draws attention to HIV prevention strategies utilized at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) with an emphasis on condom distribution programs. Based on the scientific literature, it is well documented that condoms serve as a frontline intervention strategy for reducing the incidence and prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases. Majority institutions of higher education have employed multiple strategies for making condoms available to its student population. With HBCUs the implementation strategies have not historically been comprehensive and typically condoms are only available within the student health center. This study reports on a survey of 105 HBCUs queried to determine on campus condom distribution availability and sites. A telephone survey was used to collect pertinent information about condom availability and queries were made of key informants that included student health center directors and student affairs personnel. A secondary interest involved determining the existence of condom dispensing machines and their locations at HBCUs. The results will report on the volume of condoms distributed across the responding institutions and attention is also given to condom brand selection preferences and hours of access to condoms. The analysis will also stratify condom distribution programs based on institutional characteristics (state institutions, religious affiliated institution and private institutions).

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