

Create a Distribution Chapter Today!



Introduction

Mission Statement:

Immunize4Immunity is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been dedicated to public health education since its creation. We have conducted various projects in the past from helping India recover from the pandemic, fundraising for PPE, and holding information sessions to educate the general public.

Our latest project is to start an international support initiative for HIV/AIDS. Because of the sensitivity of the topic, society, at large, has undermined the issue and the general public tries to avoid the topic. This is detrimental though, because HIV/AIDS is becoming increasingly widespread. In fact, the United Nations reports that there are 37.6 million people across the world living with HIV as of 2020. Of these 37.6 million people, only 84% of them knew that they were living with HIV while an even fewer 73% had access to treatment. Getting treatment is critical as it prevents the development of AIDS through creating an undetectable viral load. However, 73% of people who have the virus don't have access to treatment, which is unacceptable since AIDS can lead to death.

This is crucial because the NIH explains that people with HIV and AIDS are at a higher risk of developing mood disorders and mental problems because of the stigma surrounding the virus. The study continues that people who are aware that they have the virus choose not to receive treatment, because they don't want other people to find out that they have the virus. If the ever-evolving issue of HIV/AIDS continues to be scorned by society, then millions of people across the world may suffer from mental conditions, the impacts of HIV, and will not be able to receive the help that they need. There needs to be an initiative to put a spotlight on the issue, so people who need help are able to have the resources and confidence to receive it.

Why should you create a chapter?

Involvement with HIV/AIDS awareness

HIV is an ever growing problem around the world. HIV affects underdeveloped communities who may not have knowledge about HIV. Also, they may not be english-speaking. So, translating documents and distributing them will allow for underprivileged communities to learn about HIV/AIDS. Your chapter would play a large role in providing resources for HIV awareness.

Develop useful skills and qualities

By creating and working in an Immuniz4Immunity service chapter, you will gain experience in these skills:

- Leadership
- Communicational skills
- Intrapersonal skills
- Time management
- Mentoring

Service Hours

For distribution chapters, they will self report volunteer hours based on how much work they did per month. In order to verify that you are truthful, when submitting your monthly volunteer hours, include a breakdown of all of the work that you did and how long each task took. Remember, honesty is the best policy!

How to Create a chapter

Chapter Creation Process:

Step 1:

Go to <https://www.immunize4immunity.org/create-a-chapter> and press on the google form that says "I4I Distribution Chapter Application." From here, fill out the form and make sure to include all pertinent information asked.

Step 2:

After filling out the google form, if your application is approved, then you will receive an email from the I4I executive board to set up an interview, where you will be asked various questions to confirm your dedication and interest in creating a chapter. If your application is approved by the Executive Board, then your chapter will be created.

Step 3:

Once your chapter has been approved:

The Executive Board will send you your first assignment(s) and any deadlines (if applicable). Make a schedule and make sure that everyone in the chapter understands the assignments. Split up the work evenly, but make sure to keep in contact with each other rather than everyone working on a section individually. All chapters will be expected to not only communicate with the Executive Board, but other chapters as seen fit. If you have any ideas for next steps, how to improve a current assignment, or need help with anything then make sure to contact the Executive Board.

Step 4:

You will need to recruit volunteers and members to help you raise awareness. Recruit volunteers through friends, social media, school, libraries, community centers, etc. Once you have grown your member base, and volunteers, you will need to expand the organization more, to get noticed. These are ways to do so:

- Being active on a social media platform such as Instagram
 - You should make a Immunize4Immunity chapter instagram with the username format “@Immunize4Immunity.” + “<insert chapter name>” ○
 - Ex: a chapter in new york city would have the handle
“Immunize4Immunity.NYC”
- Contact officials at your school to create a school club based on your regional chapter.
- Advertise in local newspapers, community centers, libraries, etc.

Managing you Chapter

1. Meet regularly and set goals

Once you establish a chapter, it is important that your chapter makes progress. To ensure that your chapter is always moving forward, hold meetings regularly. We recommend that you hold at least 2 meetings per month, where you can check in with each other and coordinate work, progress, and make future plans.

If you have any questions, please contact us at
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