



# TD Awareness Week in the States

## What is Tardive Dyskinesia (TD)?

Some people living with a mental health condition may also experience a condition called **tardive dyskinesia (TD)**.<sup>1</sup>

TD is an **involuntary movement disorder** that is associated with taking certain medications to treat bipolar disorder, depression, or schizophrenia.<sup>1-3</sup> TD is characterized by **uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements** of the face, torso, and/or other body parts.<sup>4</sup>

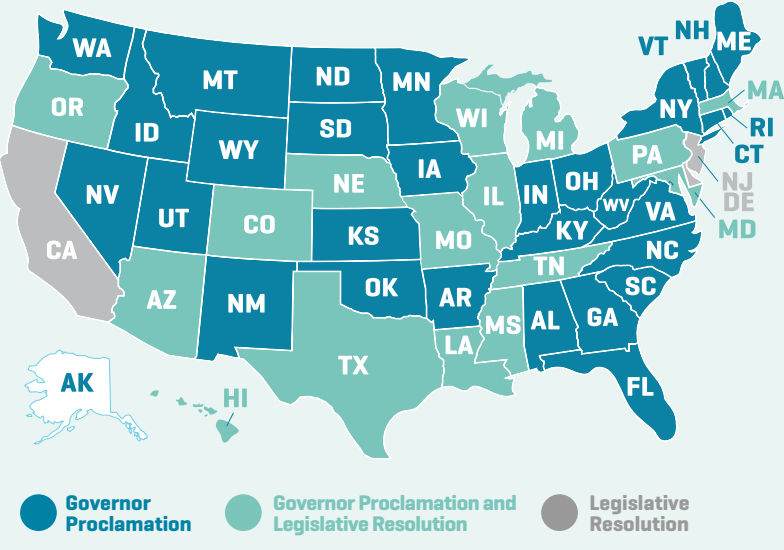
Approximately **600,000 people in the U.S.** may be affected by TD.<sup>2,5</sup> Learn more about the condition by visiting **TalkAboutTD.com** and following **@TalkAboutTD** on Twitter.

## What is TD Awareness Week?

To help raise awareness of TD, the mental health advocacy community and states across the country have recognized the **first full week of May** as TD Awareness Week.

TD Awareness Week encourages the mental health and broader communities to learn about ways to recognize TD symptoms, understand the burden of the condition, and talk to their healthcare provider if they think they or someone they know may have the condition.

## TD Awareness Week 2021 Covers the Map



## TD Awareness Week 2021 by the Numbers

**49** states + Washington, DC issued a governor proclamation or state resolution

**29** state government officials posted about TD Awareness Week on social media

**14** legislators conducted TD Awareness Week floor speeches

**9** states where legislators read resolutions on the floor of the chamber

## How Your State Can Get Involved

- > Issue a **governor proclamation or state resolution** in support of TD Awareness Week
- > **Invite legislators** to read the proclamation or resolution on the state or senate floor during TD Awareness Week
- > Post about TD Awareness Week on **Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram**
- > Partner with **national or local advocacy chapters** to host a signature TD awareness event (in-person or online)

## How to Get Involved in TD Awareness Week 2022

If you are interested in participating in TD Awareness Week 2022, please contact April Grant [[ApGrant@neurocrine.com](mailto:ApGrant@neurocrine.com)] or Jodie Tierney [[JTierney@neurocrine.com](mailto:JTierney@neurocrine.com)]

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