

EEWG Annual Calendar

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Not an exhaustive list and continually updated.

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- Dates Vary – **Ramadan**: follows the Islamic Lunar Calendar: Begins at the last night of the month of Sha'ban and ends at the last night of the month of Ramadan
- Dates Vary – **Holi**: Holi is celebrated on the last full moon in the lunar month of Phalguna (usually March?)
- **Take Back the Night** (usually Sep or October)
- **Sisters in Spirit Vigil** (sometimes October)

JANUARY

- January – **Tamil Heritage Month**
- January 4 – **World Braille Day**
- January 17 - **Raoul Wallenberg Day**
 - Raoul Gustaf Wallenberg was a Swedish architect, businessman, diplomat, and humanitarian. He saved thousands of Jews in German-occupied Hungary during the Holocaust from German Nazis and Hungarian fascists during the later stages of World War II. [Wikipedia](#)
- January 21 - **Lincoln Alexander Day**
 - Lincoln MacCauley Alexander PC CC OOnt CD QC was a Canadian lawyer and politician who became the first Black Canadian to be a member of Parliament in the House of Commons, a federal Cabinet Minister, a Chair of the Worker's Compensation Board of Ontario, and the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario from 1985 to 1991. [Wikipedia](#)
- January 24 - **World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture**
- January 24 - [International Day of Education](#)
- January 26 - [International Day of Clean Energy](#)
- January 27 - [International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust](#)
- January 29 - **National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia**
- Last Wednesday in January – **Bell Let's Talk Day** (<https://letstalk.bell.ca/>)

FEBRUARY

- February – **Black History Month**
- February – **Recreation Therapy Month**
- February 1 – **World Hijab Day** ([Our story - World Hijab Day](#))
- February 1-7 - **World Interfaith Harmony Week**
- February 1-7 - **Eating Disorders Awareness Week**
- February 2 - [World Wetlands Day](#)
- First Full Week in February – **White Cane Week** ([White Cane Week - Canadian Council of the Blind \(ccbnational.net\)](#))
- First Full Week in February – **International Development Week**
- (https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/idw-sdi.aspx?lang=eng)
- February 4 - [International Day of Human Fraternity](#)
- February 4 – **World Cancer Day**

- February 6 - [International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation](#)
- February 10 - [International Day of the Arabian Leopard](#)
- February 10 - [World Pulses Day](#)
- February 11 - [International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)
- February 12 - **International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism**
- February 13 - [World Radio Day](#)
- February 15 – **National Flag of Canada Day**
- February 17 - [Global Tourism Resilience Day](#)
- February 20 - [World Day of Social Justice](#)
- February 21 - [International Mother Language Day](#)
- Third Monday in February – **BC Family Day**
- Last Wednesday of February – **Pink Shirt Day** (anti-bullying)
- Last Saturday in February – **Coldest Night of the Year**

MARCH

- March – **Irish Heritage Month**
- March – **National Social Worker Month**
- March 1 – **Self-Harm (or Self-Injury) Awareness Day**
- March 1 - [World Seagrass Day](#)
- March 1 - [Zero Discrimination Day \[UNAIDS\]](#)
- March 1-2 – **National Day of Unplugging** (<https://www.globaldayofunplugging.org/>)
- March 3 - [World Wildlife Day](#)
- March 5 - [International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness](#)
- First Friday in March – **Employee Appreciation Day**
- First Full Week in March – **Dental Assistants Recognition Week**
- March 8 – **International Women’s Day**
- March 10 - [International Day of Women Judges](#)
- March 15 – **International Day to Combat Islamophobia**
- March 18-24, 2024 – **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** (unsure if date changes each year)
- March 20 - [International Day of Happiness](#)
- March 20 - [French Language Day](#)
- March 21-27 - **Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination**
- March 21 – **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**
- March 21 - [World Poetry Day \[UNESCO\]](#)
- March 21 - [International Day of Nowruz](#)
- March 21 - [World Down Syndrome Day](#)
- March 21 - [International Day of Forests](#)
- March 22 - [World Water Day](#)
- March 23 - [World Meteorological Day \[WMO\]](#)
- March 24 - [World Tuberculosis Day \[WHO\]](#)
- March 24 - **International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims**
- March 25 - [International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade](#)
- March 25 - [International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members](#)
- March 30 - [International Day of Zero Waste](#)
- March 31 – **International Transgender Day of Visibility**
- Last Saturday in March – **Earth Hour** (<https://www.earthhour.org/>)

APRIL

- April – **Sikh Heritage Month**
- April – **Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation, and Prevention Month**
- April – **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** (<https://www.nsvrc.org/saam>)
- April – **National Oral Health Month** (<https://www.yourdentalhealth.ca/kids-teens/oral-health-month/>)
- April 2 - **[World Autism Awareness Day](#)**
- April 4 - **[International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action](#)**
- April 5 - **[International Day of Conscience](#)**
- April 6 - **[International Day of Sport for Development and Peace](#)**
- April 6 – **International Asexuality Day** ([FAQ – International Asexuality Day \(IAD\)](#))
- April 7 - **[World Health Day \[WHO\]](#)**
- April 7 - **[International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda](#)**
- April 9 – **Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge**
- Second Wednesday of April – **International Day of Pink**
 - “Discrimination takes many shapes, whether it’s based on race, age, disabilities, gender or sexuality. The 2SLGBTQIA+ community is no stranger to the bullying and violence that stems from hateful beliefs. While progress has been made towards removing these social barriers from our society, discrimination still persists. So, every year, on the second Wednesday of April, we urge people around the world to put on a pink shirt and stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to continue fighting for equality and acceptance.” <https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home-2023>
- April 12 - **[International Day of Human Space Flight](#)**
- April 14 - **[World Chagas Disease Day \[WHO\]](#)**
- April 20 - **[Chinese Language Day](#)**
- April 21 - **[World Creativity and Innovation Day](#)**
- April 22 - **[International Mother Earth Day](#)**
- April 22 – **Earth Day**
- April 23 - **[World Book and Copyright Day \[UNESCO\]](#)**
- April 23 - **[English Language Day](#)**
- April 23 - **[Spanish Language Day](#)**
- April 24 - **[World Immunization Week, 24-30 April \[WHO\]](#)**
- April 24 - **[International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace](#)**
- April 25 - **[International Girls in ICT Day \[ITU\]](#)**
- April 25 - **[World Malaria Day \[WHO\]](#)**
- April 25 - **[International Delegate’s Day](#)**
- April 26 - **[International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day](#)**
- April 26 - **[World Intellectual Property Day \[WIPO\]](#)**
- April 27 – 28 – **Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)**
 - “Yom HaShoah is the Jewish community’s day for internal reflection. It provides an opportunity to educate children; to unite in passing on the torch of remembrance; to honour the victims of the Holocaust; and to recognise the achievements of its survivors and refugees who have given so much to society. Yom HaShoah is usually commemorated by Jews in synagogues and at other Jewish community events.” <https://www.hmd.org.uk/news/what-difference-between-holocaust-memorial-day-and-yom-hashhoah/>
- April 28 - **[World Day for Safety and Health at Work](#)**
- April 28 – **National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace**
- April 30 - **[International Jazz Day](#)**
- April 30 – **Journey to Freedom Day** ([Journey to Freedom Day Act \(justice.gc.ca\)](#))
- April or May (varies: Apr 24-30, 2024) – **Tourism Week** (https://tiac-aitc.ca/cgi/page.cgi/_evtcal.html?date=2023-4&evt=285)

- April/May: varies (April 10, 2024) – **Indigenous Nurses Day** (<https://www.nnpbc.com/events-and-campaigns/indigenous-nurses-day-2024/>)

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MAY

- May – **Asian Heritage Month**
- May – **Canadian Jewish Heritage Month**
- May – **Sexual Violence Prevention Month** (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2024/05/message-on-sexual-violence-prevention-month.html>)
- May – **Child Care Month**
- May – **Mining Month**
- May: varies (May 6-12, 2024) – **Mental Health Week** (https://cmha.ca/mental-health-week/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAlalQobChMIrjp0u6DhgMVDjjUAR2kiw6cEAYASAAEgD_BwE)
- May: varies (May 6-12, 2024) – **National Nursing Week** (<https://www.bcnu.org/news-and-events/campaigns-and-initiatives/current-campaigns/nnw2024>)
- May: varies (May 10, 2024) – **Childcare Provider Appreciation Day**
- May 2 - **World Tuna Day**
- May 3 - **World Press Freedom Day**
- May 5 - **World Portuguese Language Day [UNESCO]**
- May 5 – **National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2-Spirits (MMIWG2S); Red Dress Day**
- May 5 – **Dutch Heritage Day**
- May 8 - **Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War**
- May 10 - **International Day of Argania**
- May 11 - **World Migratory Bird Day [UNEP]**
- May 12 - **International Day of Plant Health [FAO]**
- May 12 – **International Nurses’ Day**
- Second Week in May – **National Mining Week**
- May 15 - **International Day of Families**
- May 16 - **International Day of Living Together in Peace**
- May 16 - **International Day of Light [UNESCO]**
- May 17 - **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day**
- May 17 – **International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia**
- May 20 - **World Bee Day**
- May 21 - **International Tea Day**
- May 21 - **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**
- May 22 - **International Day for Biological Diversity**
- May 23 - **Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon**
- May 23 - **International Day to End Obstetric Fistula**
- May 25-31 - **Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories**
- May 29 - **International Day of UN Peacekeepers**
- May 30 - **International Day of Potato**
- May 31 - **World No-Tobacco Day [WHO]**
- Last Sunday in May – **AccessAbility Week** begins ([Accessibility Directorate - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://accessibility-directorate-province-of-british-columbia.gov.bc.ca))
- Date Varies (May 16, 2024) – **Moosehide Campaign** (<https://moosehidecampaign.ca/>)

JUNE

- June – **National Indigenous History Month**
- June – **Italian Heritage Month**
- June – **Filipino Heritage Month**
- June – **Portuguese Heritage Month**
- June – **Launch of Pride Season**
- June 1 - [Global Day of Parents](#)
- June 3 - [World Bicycle Day](#)
- June 4 - [International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression](#)
- June 5 - [World Environment Day](#)
- June 5 - [International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing](#)
- June 6 - [Russian Language Day](#)
- June 7 - [World Food Safety Day](#)
- First Saturday in June – **National Health and Fitness Day**
 - (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/06/message-from-the-minister-of-health-and-the-parliamentary-secretary-to-the-minister-of-health-and-parliamentary-secretary-to-the-minister-of-sport-.html>)
- June 8 - [World Oceans Day](#)
- June 10 - **Action Anxiety Day** (<https://www.anxietycanada.com/get-involved/action-anxiety-day/>)
- June 12 - [World Day Against Child Labour](#)
- June 13 - [International Albinism Awareness Day](#)
- June 14 - [World Blood Donor Day \[WHO\]](#)
- June 15 - [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)
- June 16 - [International Day of Family Remittances](#)
- June 17 - [World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought](#)
- June 18 - [International Day for Countering Hate Speech](#)
- June 18 - [Sustainable Gastronomy Day](#)
- June 19 - [International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict](#)
- June 20 - [World Refugee Day](#)
- June 21 - [International Day of Yoga](#)
- June 21 - [International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice](#)
- June 21 – **National Indigenous Peoples Day**
- June 23 – **National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism**
- June 23 - [International Widows' Day](#)
- June 23 - [United Nations Public Service Day](#)
- June 24 - [International Day of Women in Diplomacy](#)
- June 24 – **Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day**
- June 25 - [Day of the Seafarer \[IMO\]](#)
- June 26 - [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#)
- June 26 - [United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture](#)
- June 27 - [Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day](#)
- June 27 – **Canadian Multiculturalism Day**
- June 29 - [International Day of the Tropics](#)
- June 30 - [International Asteroid Day](#)
- June 30 - [International Day of Parliamentarism](#)
- June: might also be a week for **Kinesiology Week**

JULY

- July – **Disability Pride Month** (<https://www.supportedemployment.ca/disability-pride-month/>)
- July 1 – **Canada Day**

- July 6 - [International Day of Cooperatives](#)
- July 7 - [World Kiswahili Language Day \[UNESCO\]](#)
- July 11 - [World Population Day](#)
- July 12 - [International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms](#)
- July 14 - **International Non-Binary People's Day** (<https://workplacepride.org/event/international-non-binary-peoples-day/>)
- July 15 - [World Youth Skills Day](#)
- July 18 - [Nelson Mandela International Day](#)
- July 20 - [International Moon Day](#)
- July 20 - [World Chess Day](#)
- July 25 - [World Drowning Prevention Day](#)
- July 28 - [World Hepatitis Day \[WHO\]](#)
- July 28 – **Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval**
 - “In 2003, a Royal Proclamation recognized the wrongs suffered by the Acadians when they were forcibly deported from Acadie in 1755. July 28 was declared as the Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval beginning with the 250th anniversary in 2005. In Nova Scotia, commemoration activities are held in [Grand-Pré](#).” <https://acadien.novascotia.ca/en/celebrations>
- July 30 - [International Day of Friendship](#)
- July 30 - [World Day against Trafficking in Persons](#)

AUGUST

- August 1 – **Emancipation Day** (<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/emancipation-day.html>)
- August 1-7 - [World Breastfeeding Week \[WHO\]](#)
- August 9 - [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#)
- August 11 - [World Steelpan Day](#)
- August 12 - [International Youth Day](#)
- August 15 – **National Acadian Day**
- August 19 - [World Humanitarian Day](#)
- August 21 - [International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism](#)
- Third Week of August – **Public Service Pride Week**
- August 22 - [International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief](#)
- August 23 - [International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition \[UNESCO\]](#)
- August 29 - [International Day against Nuclear Tests](#)
- August 30 - [International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances](#)
- August 31 - [International Day for People of African Descent](#)
- August 31 – **International Overdose Awareness Day** ([International Overdose Awareness Day: 31 August \(overdoseday.com\)](#))

SEPTEMBER

- September 5 - [International Day of Charity](#)
- September 7 - [International Day of Police Cooperation](#)
- September 7 - **World Duchenne Awareness Day**
- September 7 - [International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies](#)
- September 8 - [International Literacy Day \[UNESCO\]](#)
- September 9 - [International Day to Protect Education from Attack](#)
- September 10 - **World Suicide Prevention Day** (<https://www.iasp.info/wspd/>)
- September 12 - [United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation](#)
- Second Week of September – **Mennonite Heritage Week**
- September 15 - [International Day of Democracy](#)

- September 15 (may vary) – **Terry Fox Day**
- September 16 - **International Day of Science, Technology and Innovation for the South**
- September 16 - [International Day for Interventional Cardiology](#)
- September 16 - [International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer](#)
- September 17 - [World Patient Safety Day \[WHO\]](#)
- September 18 - [International Equal Pay Day](#)
- September 20 - **World Cleanup Day**
- September 21 - [International Day of Peace](#)
- September 23 - [International Day of Sign Languages](#)
- September 26 - [World Maritime Day](#)
- September 26 - [International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#)
- September 27 - [World Tourism Day](#)
- Fourth Week of September – **Gender Equality Week**
- September 28 – **British Home Child Day** (<https://themusekenora.ca/september-28th-british-home-child-day/>)
- September 28 - [International Day for Universal Access to Information](#)
- September 29 - [International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste](#)
- September 30 - [International Translation Day](#)
- September 30 – **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**
- September 30 – **Orange Shirt Day**
- September and October – **Disability Employment Awareness Month** (<https://ccrw.org/deam/>)

OCTOBER

- October – **German Heritage Month**
- October – **Canadian Islamic History month**
- October – **Latin American Heritage Month**
- October – **Women’s History Month**
- October - **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- October – **LGBT History Month**
- October – **Cybersecurity Month**
- First Week in October – **Mental Illness Awareness Week**
- October 1 – **National Seniors Day**
- October 1 - [International Day of Older Persons](#)
- October 2 - [International Day of Non-Violence](#)
- October 4-10 - [World Space Week](#)
- October 5 - [World Teachers’ Day \[UNESCO\]](#)
- October 7 - [World Habitat Day](#)
- October 7 - [World Cotton Day](#)
- October 9 - [World Post Day](#)
- October 10 - [World Mental Health Day \[WHO\]](#)
- October 11 – **International Day of the Girl Child**
- October 11 – [National Coming Out Day - Human Rights Campaign \(hrc.org\)](#)
- October 12 - [World Migratory Bird Day \[UNEP\]](#)
- October 13 - [International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)
- October 15 - [International Day of Rural Women](#)
- October 16 - [World Food Day \[FAO\]](#)
- varies Oct 16-22 ish – **Invisible Disabilities Awareness Week** (<https://healthbound.ca/invisible-disabilities-awareness-week/>)
- October 17 - [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)

- October 18 – **Persons Day** (<https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/persons-day.html>)
- Third Wednesday of October – **International Pronouns Day** ([International Pronouns Day — Pronouns.org Resources on Personal Pronouns](https://www.pronouns.org/))
- October 24-31 - [Global Media and Information Literacy Week](#)
- October 24-30 - [Disarmament Week](#)
- October 24 - [United Nations Day](#)
- October 24 - [World Development Information Day](#)
- October 27 - [World Day for Audiovisual Heritage \[UNESCO\]](#)
- October 29 - [International Day of Care and Support](#)
- October 31 - [World Cities Day](#)
- Dates Vary – **Diwali**: Diwali can occur anywhere from mid-October to mid-November. The date changes every year because it is based on the Hindu lunar calendar. Diwali occurs on the darkest day of the lunar month, which is the day of the new moon.

NOVEMBER

- November – **Hindu Heritage Month**
- November – **Apprentice Recognition Month**
- November – **Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM)**: (<https://www.bcands.bc.ca/indigenous-disability-awareness-month-idam/>)
- November - **November**
- November 2 - [International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists](#)
- November 5 - [World Tsunami Awareness Day](#)
- November 5 -11 – **Veterans’ Week**
- November 6 - **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict**
- November 7 – **International Inuit Day**
- November 8 – **Indigenous Veterans Day** ([Indigenous Veterans - Veterans Affairs Canada](#))
- November 9-15 - [International Week of Science and Peace](#)
- November 10 - [World Science Day for Peace and Development](#)
- November 11 – **Remembrance Day**
- November 14 - [World Diabetes Day](#)
- November: Second Week – **International Education Week**
- November: Second Week – **Nurse Practitioner Week**
- November 16 - [International Day for Tolerance \[UNESCO\]](#)
- November 16 – **Louis Riel Day**
- November 17 - [World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims](#)
- November 18 -24 - [World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week \[WHO\]](#)
- November 18 - **World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence**
- November 19 - [World Toilet Day](#)
- November 20 - [Africa Industrialization Day](#)
- November 20 - [World Children's Day](#)
- November 20 – **National Child Day**
- November 20 – **Transgender Day of Remembrance**
- November 20 – 26 – **Canada History Week**
- Fourth Saturday November – **Holodomor Memorial Day** (Ukraine, Canada and the world)
 - Day of memory for victims of the genocide starvation of Ukraine by Stalin (<https://holodomormuseum.org.ua/en/holodomor-remembrance-day/>).
- November 21 - [World Philosophy Day \[UNESCO\]](#)
- November 21 - [World Television Day](#)

- November: Third Week – **National Kinesiology Week??**
- November 25 - [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)
- November 25 – December 10 – **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence**
- Last Full Week November – **Canada History Week** (<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage.html>)
- November 26 - [World Sustainable Transport Day](#)
- November 29 - [International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](#)
- November 30 - [Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare](#)
- November End (Nov 24 to 30 in 2024) – **National Addictions Awareness Week** (<https://www.ccsa.ca/national-addictions-awareness-week>)

DECEMBER

- December 1 - [World AIDS Day](#)
- December 2 - [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery](#)
- December 3 – **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**
- December 4 - [International Day of Banks](#)
- December 5 - [International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development](#)
- December 5 - [World Soil Day](#)
- December 6 – **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**
- December 7 - [International Civil Aviation Day](#)
- December 9 - **International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime**
- December 9 - [International Anti-Corruption Day](#)
- December 10 – **Human Rights Day**
- December 11 – **Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster**
 - “Building upon resolutions passed at the Imperial Conferences of 1926 and 1930, Canada and other dominions of the then British Empire sought to gain formal recognition of their autonomy from the United Kingdom.” <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/important-commemorative-days/anniversary-statute-westminster.html>
- December 11 - [International Mountain Day](#)
- December 12 - [International Day of Neutrality](#)
- December 12 - [International Universal Health Coverage Day](#)
- December 17 – **Anti-bullying Day** (<https://www.bullyingcanada.ca/>)
- December 18 - [International Migrants Day](#)
- December 18 - [Arabic Language Day](#)
- December 20 - [International Human Solidarity Day](#)
- December 21 - [World Basketball Day](#)
- December ish to January ish (25-3 in 2024/25 – begins Kislev 25 and goes 8 days): **Hanukkah**
- December 26 – January 1 – **Kwanzaa**
- December 27 - [International Day of Epidemic Preparedness](#)