

We could all use a good poke.

HIV Point of Care Testing

A point of care test is a rapid screening test for HIV using a small amount of blood from a finger poke. You get your initial test results right away.

- Routine HIV testing can help you stay healthy. Rapid testing is quick and can mean you worry less about your test results.
- Rapid testing is available in many communities.
- Before your test, a health provider will talk with you about your testing options and HIV risks.
- HIV is a chronic, manageable condition. Early care and treatment can help people who test positive live longer, healthier lives.
- You do not have to go through this alone. There are services and supports to help.

Get  poked.



- We will make sure you understand the risks and benefits before you agree to an HIV test.
- You will be asked to give permission (consent) to do the HIV test.
- A small amount of blood will be taken from a poke to your finger.



- The information and test will take less than an hour.
- You will get your initial results right away. These results are more than 99% accurate.
- These results may be confirmed by a regular HIV test. You'll get these results in about 2 weeks.



- All of the information you share will be kept confidential and private. Please respect the privacy of others by not sharing information about their HIV risks or status.
- If your test result is reactive (positive), it will be sent to Public Health. Your sexual or other close contacts (ex. someone who has shared needles or drug using equipment) will be told about their risk, but your name and details will NOT be shared when this happens.



- You are not alone. Support for you and your loved ones is available.
- If you have questions about point of care (rapid) testing, call Health Line (811) or AIDS Saskatoon at 1-800-667-6876.
- Find a rapid testing site near you at www.cdnaids.ca/testing