

# HIV Testing Day Summary 2019

The purpose of Saskatchewan Testing Day is to promote and offer HIV testing in an effort to educate, reduce stigma, and normalize HIV testing.

Saskatchewan hosted its **3rd annual province-wide HIV Testing Day**.



The Minister of Health proclaimed **June 27, 2019** to be **Saskatchewan Provincial HIV Testing Day**.

- Recognizing the efforts made by Saskatchewan in 2017, the **Canadian AIDS Society declared June 27, 2018 the first National HIV Testing Day in Canada**. Events are now planned across the country to offer HIV testing and provide information.

- In 2019, **20** HIV testing and awareness events happened in **11 locations** across the province.

- In 2019, over **1,200** people attended these events.

- In 2019, over **300** people were tested for HIV.

Talk to your healthcare provider about HIV testing.



HIV is different now. It's treatable. You can live a healthy life.

You should be tested for HIV every 5 years.

Get tested more often (at least once a year) if you have ever:

- been sexually active;
- had a sexually transmitted infection;
- used or injected drugs;

OR if you are pregnant.

For more information see:  
[www.saskatchewan.ca/hiv](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/hiv) or [www.sk.hiv.ca](http://www.sk.hiv.ca) or call



The Ministry of Health distributed **Wallet Cards** encouraging HIV testing.

## HIV is different now. Know your status.

### STATS

#### HIV Tests Reported by Quarter, January 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

		Jan. 01 - Mar. 31	Apr. 01 - Jun. 30	Jul. 01 - Sep. 30	Oct. 01 - Dec. 31
Year	Type of Test*	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2016	RRPL Tests	18,711	19,204	19,125	19,635
	PoC Tests	472	485	458	481
2017	RRPL Tests	20,597	20,781	19,616	20,036
	PoC Tests	446	684	421	569
2018	RRPL Tests	21,128	22,082	20,979	21,428
	PoC Tests	535	785	466	351
	DBS Tests	N/A	N/A	N/A	78
2019	RRPL Tests	21,763	23,643	24,552	N/A
	PoC Tests	467	415	405	N/A
	DBS Tests	84	424	197	N/A

\* RRPL Tests – Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory Tests

PoC Tests – Point of Care Tests

DBS Tests – Dried Blood Spot Tests - data only available starting in November 2018

NOTE: The increase in # of tests performed in Q2 of 2017, 2018, and 2019 coincides with the establishment of HIV Testing Day in Saskatchewan.

Targeted “testing fairs” were organized by the Saskatchewan Health Authority, First Nations Inuit Health Branch, and Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority in partnership with local community-based organizations.

