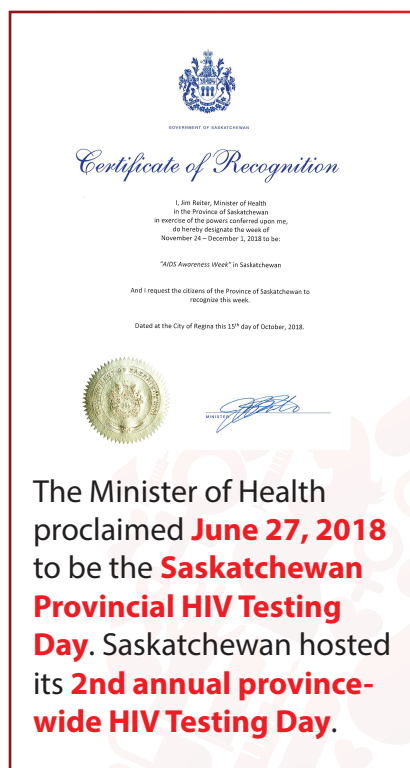


HIV Testing Day Summary 2018

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



- **26** HIV testing and awareness events happened in **12 locations** across the province.
- Mark Docherty, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Regina Coronation Park, was tested at a public event in Regina.
- Over **800** people attended these events.
- Over **200** people were tested for HIV.
- 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 planned across the country to offer HIV testing and provide information.

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 or www.skhiiv.ca or call **HealthLine 811**

HIV Wallet Cards encouraging the public to be tested were developed and distributed.

HIV is different now. Know your status.

STATS

HIV Point of Care Tests Reported by Quarter, January 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018

		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	
	PoC Tests	535	785	466	

Note: RRPL – Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory Tests
PoC – Point of Care Tests

NOTE: The increase in # of tests performed in Q2 of 2017 & 2018 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.

