

HIV DECLARED A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN MANITOBA



A historic step to save lives, reduce new infections, and end stigma.

TOGETHER, WE CAN END HIV.



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Manitoba's government has declared HIV a public health emergency to urgently address the rising number of new HIV diagnoses.

WHY A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY?



HIV cases in Manitoba have been rising sharply, putting more people at risk and putting pressure on our healthcare system.

KEY FACTS



429
new HIV diagnoses in 2024 – the **highest** ever recorded in Manitoba.



4X INCREASE
in new diagnoses since 2010 (from 105 in 2010 to 429 in 2024).



38%
of new diagnoses in 2024 were among people aged 20–29.

MOST AFFECTED AREAS



Highest rates of new diagnoses are in **Winnipeg** and areas with high population mobility, including Northern Manitoba and some First Nations communities.

MOST AFFECTED POPULATIONS



- Gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men
- People who use drugs
- Indigenous Peoples
- Youth and young adults

HOW HIV IS TRANSMITTED

HIV is transmitted through certain body fluids:



Sex without condoms



Sharing needles or injection equipment



Blood exposures



From mother to baby during pregnancy, birth or breastfeeding

PREVENTION & TREATMENT WORK



HIV is preventable and treatable.



Treatment (ART) can control the virus so a person can live a long, healthy life and cannot pass HIV to sexual partners.



Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is highly effective at preventing HIV.



Routine testing is key – early diagnosis leads to better health outcomes and prevents transmission.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

This declaration allows the province to:

- ✓ Expand testing and outreach
- ✓ Improve access to prevention, treatment and care
- ✓ Address stigma and remove barriers to services
- ✓ Work in partnership with Indigenous communities, healthcare providers and community organizations

The goal: Fewer new infections. Better access to care. Healthier communities. An end to HIV.



Manitoba is committed to evidence-based action, compassionate care, and health equity for all.

NO ONE SHOULD FACE HIV ALONE.

GET TESTED. GET INFORMED. GET INVOLVED.



Get tested – It's quick, confidential and can save your life.



Find services near you:
manitoba.ca/hiv
or call Health Links – Info Santé
204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257



Support your community. End stigma. End HIV.



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