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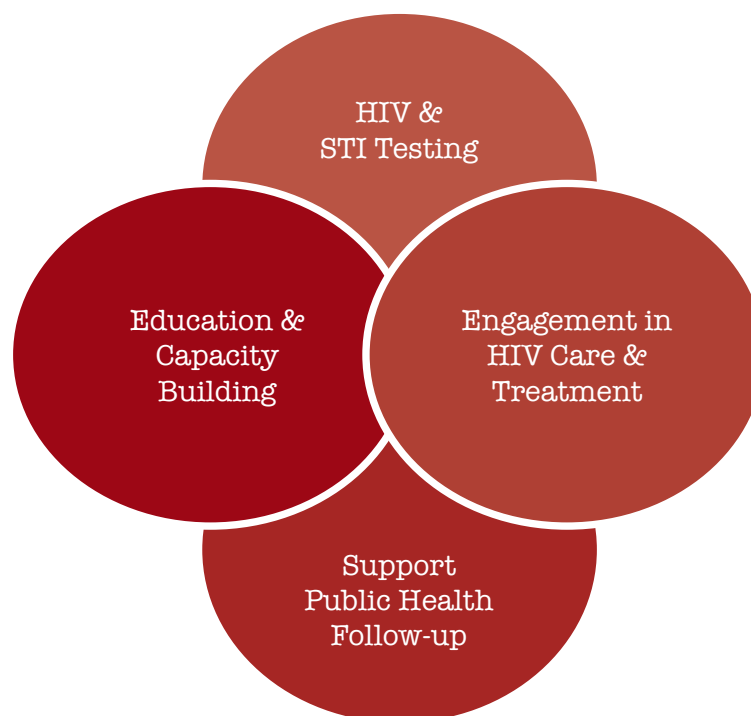
HIV/AIDS Team

Support and Treat for Optimal Prevention

Vancouver Coastal Health has launched a new approach to support clients and service providers in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The STOP HIV/AIDS Team is a low-threshold service model providing comprehensive, flexible HIV testing, treatment, support public health follow-up and education. The team works collaboratively with other community based organizations to extend care to the broadest range of clients.

Scope

The team's mandate is to engage with clients who experience barriers to accessing HIV testing and care and to improve system coordination. The target clientele includes Aboriginal people, gay men and other LGBTQ2S, youth, immigrant and refugee communities, and those with mental health and/or addictions. Initially the team will limit its work to the City of Vancouver with an aim to build partnerships with other regions.



Key Functions and Role

- **HIV, STI and Hepatitis testing:** Mobile clinics in community settings, special events and high risk venues
- **Engagement in HIV Care and Treatment:** Including outreach, short-term intensive case management, treatment and connection to care
- **Support Public Health Follow-up:** In collaboration with Vancouver Communicable Diseases Control Team to extend the reach of partner counselling and referral services as well as social networking approaches to identify others vulnerable to HIV
- **Education and Capacity Building:** HIV/AIDS education, training and resource support to enhance existing health and social services

To contact the STOP HIV/AIDS Team for client referrals or to explore partnerships with your organization please call 604.838.1331.

Clients can also self-refer.

To contact public health directly contact 604.675.3900 or www.vch.ca/hiv