

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has set a global goal to end the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030. To monitor progress, UNAIDS established “90-90-90” treatment targets for 2020. The SK HIV Collaborative is working with federal, provincial, community, and Indigenous partners to: 1) improve access to testing and clinical care, 2) engage, educate and support individuals and communities, and 3) stop the transmission of HIV

<p><b>Optimize the HIV Care Environment</b></p>	<p><u>Goal: 90% of people living with HIV are diagnosed</u> <b>Increase HIV Testing Coverage and Linkage to Care</b></p>	<p><u>Goal: 90% of all those who are diagnosed with HIV are on treatment</u> <b>Increase HIV Treatment Coverage</b></p>	<p><u>Goal: 90% of all those on treatment have a suppressed viral load</u> <b>Increase Retention in Care, Treatment Adherence and Viral Suppression</b></p>	<p><b>Improve HIV Surveillance and Program Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b></p>
<p><b>Address barriers to HIV care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make it easier to receive treatment</li> <li>• Address barriers to accessing care for people living in northern and rural locations</li> <li>• Support transportation options</li> <li>• Consider impacts of inadequate housing and poverty</li> <li>• Coordinate services with Mental Health &amp; Addictions</li> <li>• Use technology to offer remote HIV care</li> </ul>	<p><b>Promote the provincial HIV routine testing policy making HIV testing a part of regular and ongoing medical care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer testing in more locations, including emergency rooms and acute care settings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Test and monitor patients for HIV drug resistance before starting them on medication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create and distribute testing instructions for primary care providers</li> <li>• Obtain provincial data on drug resistance to inform and monitor HIV treatment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monitor if patients are staying connected to care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care providers to review patient files every year</li> <li>• Establish milestones for care and triggers for action that support collaboration and information exchange between public health and clinicians</li> </ul>	<p><b>Improve the provincial HIV surveillance system</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include standard collection of data on pregnant women living with HIV and babies born to HIV positive women</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reduce stigma and discrimination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ongoing public education</li> <li>• Create public awareness campaigns that are relevant to the individuals at risk of getting HIV</li> </ul>	<p><b>Increase HIV Point of Care Testing (POCT) (test results available instantly)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use at more locations</li> <li>• Explore self-testing and home-based POCT when it becomes available in Canada</li> </ul>	<p><b>Offer HIV medication soon after a person is diagnosed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide training and support to pharmacists and expand engagement of rural/northern pharmacists</li> <li>• Provide HIV education, tools, and mentorship to primary care providers to support timely access to treatment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Re-connect patients who have lost their connection to care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure follow up on missed clinic appointments</li> <li>• Ensure follow up with patients who have lost contact with their care providers over time</li> </ul>	<p><b>Share HIV data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to produce the HIV/AIDS Quarterly and Annual Reports</li> <li>• Continue to produce the Prevention &amp; Risk Reduction Annual Report</li> <li>• Develop an interactive database for HIV and HCV programs, projects and interventions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ensure patient-centered care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create and share resources for patient self-care</li> <li>• Educate health care providers about traditional Indigenous medicines for HIV care</li> </ul>	<p><b>Increase community-based HIV testing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore testing options outside of health care settings to reach more people</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monitor how HIV medication is prescribed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ongoing education to primary care providers and pharmacists</li> <li>• Create a medication checklist for pharmacists</li> <li>• Create standard instructions for ordering follow-up HIV tests and bloodwork</li> </ul>	<p><b>Collect patient data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand the electronic medical record data gathering system</li> <li>• Use self-reported adherence, and pharmacy refill data to monitor retention in treatment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Strengthen data collection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with First Nations and Inuit Health Branch and Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority to explore community-based research with First Nations/Indigenous communities</li> <li>• Identify research priorities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increase community engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work closely with First Nations communities and Metis people and organizations</li> <li>• Increase community readiness to address HIV</li> <li>• Support diverse community members (Elders, HIV+, LGBTTO, youth) as leaders and educators</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monitor HIV testing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a monitoring system to track the percentage of the population being tested and the percentage of positive HIV tests</li> </ul>	<p><b>Enhance treatment tools and process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a standard lab requisition for ongoing HIV care</li> <li>• Offer enhanced education to improve skills of those who draw blood</li> </ul>	<p><b>Create processes to strengthen patient retention in care and viral suppression</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a standard process for clinical care and triggers for action (clinical and public health guidelines)</li> <li>• Create a standard process to ensure that patients who move have been referred and are linked to services</li> </ul>	<p><b>Standardize data collection and reporting across the province</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote the use of standard Electronic Medical Records</li> <li>• Promote a clinical management tool</li> </ul>
<p><b>Support healthcare providers to deliver evidence-based care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer mentorship, education and resources</li> <li>• Establish <a href="http://www.skshiv.ca">www.skshiv.ca</a> as the online source for current HIV/AIDS information and resources</li> </ul>	<p><b>Connect patients to HIV care soon after diagnosis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalize and strengthen peer supports, education and networks</li> <li>• Include peers living with HIV in the care team working with newly diagnosed patients</li> <li>• Use case managers and patient navigators to ensure patients have transportation to attend their appointments</li> </ul>	<p><b>Explore options for HIV medication coverage for all patients living with HIV</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that cost of HIV medication co-pay is not a barrier to treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the eHealth portal to support patient care</li> <li>• Link patients to financial, social, emotional and spiritual supports</li> </ul>	<p><b>Expand data collection to enhance program evaluation and monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a cost savings analysis</li> <li>• Review HIV targeted investments</li> <li>• Establish program indicators to inform decision making and monitor impact</li> </ul>
<p><b>Offer better services by using multi-disciplinary teams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase co-location of services</li> <li>• Increase use of mobile and outreach models of care in rural and remote areas of the province</li> </ul>	<p><b>Promote Canadian Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) guidelines. PrEP is HIV medication taken by an HIV-negative person at risk of HIV infection to reduce their risk of becoming infected</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore options and address barriers to accessing PrEP for those who test negative but are at ongoing risk</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Expand prevention and risk reduction (harm reduction) and Take Home Naloxone programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore options to increase access to harm reduction supports and supplies for injecting drugs, safer sex and opioid overdose prevention</li> <li>• Expand the Take Home Naloxone program</li> </ul>				