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HIV IN MICHIGAN:

St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) seeks to raise awareness among healthcare providers regarding the increasing prevalence of HIV in Michigan. In 2023, 696 people were newly diagnosed with HIV and 18,437 people were living with HIV at the end of the year. It is estimated that 1 in 8 people are unaware of their HIV status and new diagnoses are highest for persons 20-34 years of age.

It is import to reduce the spread of HIV, which can be addressed by increasing testing availability. Early HIV diagnosis and immediate linkage to treatment are crucial steps to reducing new HIV infections. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care. Individuals who engage in certain behaviors may increase their risk of acquiring HIV and should be screened at least annually. These behaviors include:

- People who inject drugs and their sex partners
- People who exchange in sex for money or drugs.
- Sex partners of people with HIV.
- Sexually active gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (more frequent testing may be beneficial [e.g., every 3–6 months]).
- Heterosexuals who themselves or whose sex partners have had one or more sex partners since their most recent HIV test.
- People receiving treatment for hepatitis, tuberculosis, or a sexually transmitted infection.

An HIV risk assessment should be included as part of routine primary care visits for all sexually active individuals. This will help determine the needs for more frequent screening and prevention counseling.

HIV laboratory results should be reported electronically or by arrangement with MDHHS. A case report form, MDHHS Form 1355, should also be completed by the medical provider and faxed to the Bureau of HIV & STI Programs, Surveillance Unit at (313) 456-1580. The case report form is available at: [Michigan Adult HIV Confidential Case Report Form](#).

Rapid HIV tests have been added to the list of reportable tests as of 2025.

(See- [HIV Prevalence](#), [Ending HIV](#), [CDC HIV](#), [MDHHS Brick Book](#)).

Call SCCHD with questions at (810) 987-5300.