



Health Fairs that use HIV POC Tests

Health Fairs, by their nature, require a lot of planning and resourcefulness as planning may have to adapt when you arrive to set up the event. Consider how the HIV POCT test process will be affected by this test venue.

- **Plans are discussed and approval is given by the Health Partner**, especially if testing will not be done within the resources of an established test location (ie SHARED KITS considerations may apply).
- Planning for Health Authority approval discussions and potential training needs should be done **3 to 6 months BEFORE the event is to start**.
- Each partner to the event clearly knows their role.
- Privacy and confidentiality is maintained for clients.
- There are clear and unambiguous instructions for additional client support as needed, for example:
 - Plan to collect or order blood collection if a confirmatory HIV test is required.
 - Plan for follow-up of other medical conditions (STI, wound care, diabetes, smoking, etc)
 - Plan for follow-up of other client needs (eg food, shelter, addictions support, etc).
- Test providers for the event are trained and competent.
- Quality control checks are run and are OK BEFORE any testing is done on clients, EACH DAY of the event.
 - If possible, all test providers are present when QC is done to review a negative and a weak positive result.
 - **If QC fails, no client tests are done.**
- Test kits are returned to the Provincial Program or to the established test location.
- Results of test kit use are provided to the Provincial Program or to the established test location.

Please review the Outreach and Mobile Testing and Shared Inventory sections.