

Getting to 90-90-90:

10 Key elements of a successful plan for HIV in Saskatchewan

1. Have a plan that is proportional to the problem, with a clear leader for its implementation with sufficient resources in place to achieve success. Consider recruitment of an outside expert in the field. Establish clear lines of responsibility and accountability. Work closely with provincial, federal, municipal, First Nations and Métis leadership to ensure plan reaches entire population.
2. Establish the necessary dedicated and supported HIV programming in order to reach 90-90-90 (90% of people with HIV diagnosed, 90% of those diagnosed on treatment, and 90% of those on treatment virally suppressed) by 2020.
3. Develop and implement well-resourced province-wide public education programs for HIV prevention and stigma reduction.
4. Implement universal HIV screening – including expansion of point-of-care testing – with an emphasis on hard to reach to populations such as those living on reserve and those in the urban core.
5. Increase addictions support, harm reduction programming, and mental health services to reduce transmission of HIV and to increase linkage and retention in care for those living with HIV.
6. Introduce full first-dollar coverage of all HIV medications and related laboratory monitoring. Increase prescriber and pharmacy support to optimize adherence to medications.
7. Recruit an appropriate complement of infectious disease specialists.
8. Increase multidisciplinary care capacity numbers of staff in case management/outreach, social work, nursing, psychology and nutrition.
9. Increase capacity to deliver HIV primary health care through recruitment, training, and support to primary care teams. Develop appropriate compensation mechanisms to facilitate this work.
10. Emphasize ongoing monitoring and evaluation of efforts with regular reporting of standardized indicators stratified by relevant demographics. Develop and support a provincial HIV database for evaluation in accordance.

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