

Public Health Alert - HIV

An outbreak of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is being reported in North Battleford and area.

- Between 2013-18, an average of four new HIV cases were reported annually in North Battleford. Between January and the end of May 2019, 15 new cases have been confirmed. This number may increase as more testing is completed.

HIV is transmitted through unprotected sexual activity and sharing equipment used to take drugs, especially needles.

The vast majority of persons who get HIV often have no symptoms.

Tests are free and confidential. If your result is positive, you will be offered treatment immediately.

- Make an appointment with your family physician or nurse practitioner
- Visit a walk-in clinic or sexual health clinic
Battlefords Sexual Health Clinic, 1192-101 Street, North Battleford
Call 306-937-6846
- Contact a Public Health Office
North Battleford Public Health, Primary Health Centre, Frontier Mall.
Call 306-441-8619
- If necessary, visit a hospital emergency department

Know your HIV status.

For more information contact your health care providers, visit

<https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/news/public-health-alerts/Pages/default.aspx>

OR

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/diseases-and-conditions/human-immunodeficiency-virus-hiv/about-hiv>

OR telephone the nurses at Healthline by dialing 8-1-1.