



Minding the Gap

HIV Prevention

[National HIV Testing Day June 27: Take the Test, Take Control](#)

[National HIV Testing Day](#) is recognized every year on June 27. It's a day to promote HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV in the United States; an important goal because the CDC estimates 2 percent of all persons infected with HIV are unaware. The annual theme is "Take the Test, Take Control." HIV testing is a critical part of the [National HIV/AIDS Strategy \(NHAS\)](#), which was released in July of 2010. Correctional facilities have a unique opportunity to help the United States meet the goals set forth in the NHAS related to HIV testing and HIV diagnosis because they often have frequent contact with people who are at higher risk for HIV infection, such as those people who use injection drugs.

Rapid HIV testing can be a great option for jails. Using rapid tests removes the risk of inmates being released prior to learning their HIV test result. Other benefits of rapid tests include low-cost testing technology options, an [oral fluid option](#) and test development timeframes that can be matched to clinic flow. Please click [here](#) for a document comparing the different rapid testing technologies available in Oregon. Jail inmates covered by the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool (OMIP) are eligible to have their medical services covered by OMIP even when they are in jail. HIV testing, including rapid testing, is a billable procedure. For more information about HIV rapid testing, please contact Cessa Karson-Whitethorn: cessa.karson@state.or.us.



Free HIV Prevention Materials

We have free materials:

[“HIV/AIDS: Know the Facts” brochures](#) translated into several languages.

A fact sheet about [viral load and HIV transmission](#) was developed for people living with HIV and their partners. The fact sheet includes information to help make decisions relating to condom use or starting treatment.

County level data on [HIV incidence and prevalence in Oregon](#).

[“HIV Screening, Standard Care”](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention promote HIV screening in healthcare settings.

[HIV Fact Sheets](#) for clinicians and HIV prevention staff, cover topics related to HIV in Oregon including HIV, Hepatitis C and people who use injection drugs.

Changes to the HIV Consent Law

Senate Bill 1507 passed in February. It revised Oregon Revised Statute 433.041 by deleting language requiring formal informed consent for HIV testing. What does this mean for HIV testing in your facility?

A person must be advised that an HIV test will be done and given an opportunity to decline. This advising of the test can be done verbally, in writing or obtained in a general consent form. You might consider adding a statement about HIV testing and the right to decline in your general consent for treatment. Further details on implementation of the new consent process are forthcoming, and a rule revision is expected by Fall of 2012. Check our [web-site](#) for updates to the consent law and its implementation.

Minding the Gap Newsletter Survey

The HIV/STD/TB Program of the Oregon Health Authority asks you to take a few moments to complete the survey found [here](#). The purpose of this brief survey is to gauge reach and relevance of the Minding the Gap newsletter. Minding the Gap is a quarterly publication of the HIV/STD/TB program of the Oregon Health Authority. The intent of the newsletter is to raise awareness and knowledge of HIV, STDs, TB and Viral Hepatitis in Oregon's correctional facilities. The first three respondents will receive a donated \$10 gift card to Starbucks.

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