



Pilot Programme



# Priority Populations TESTING & COUNSELLING Programme

Know your status, embrace your health.



## Objectives

The Government always accords high importance in the prevention and control of HIV infection, with HIV testing being a key component.

The “Priority Populations Testing and Counselling Programme” collaborates with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide free HIV and syphilis testing and counselling services for priority populations identified in the “Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2022-2027)”. This collaboration enables easier access to services, facilitates early diagnosis and promotes better sexual health.

## Target Participants

Priority populations identified in the “Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2022-2027)”, including the following:

- ▶ Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- ▶ People of non-Chinese ethnic groups
- ▶ Transgender people
- ▶ People who inject drugs
- ▶ Sex workers
- ▶ Those who were at a higher risk of infection

*Anyone who may have been exposed – for example, people with multiple sexual partners – and who is unsure of their infection status should get tested.*



## Scope of Service

NGOs participating in the Programme will provide the following **free** services for eligible individuals:

- ▶ Sexual health and risk assessment
- ▶ Rapid HIV and syphilis antibody testing
- ▶ Risk assessment and explanation of testing results
- ▶ Personalised psychological support and counselling
- ▶ Health advice on safer sex
- ▶ Referrals to other services for prevention, diagnosis or follow-up care arrangement

## How to Access the Services

### At Service Centres:

Select and contact NGOs of your choice to make an appointment at their Service Centres. Please check with the relevant



### Outreach Services:

NGOs will deploy outreach teams into communities (e.g. designated venues or events) to proactively provide services to those in need.

In addition, the Department of Health also provides HIV testing and counselling services:

☎ AIDS hotline  
2780 2211

🌐 HIV Testing Service website  
[www.hivtest.gov.hk](http://www.hivtest.gov.hk)

