

HIV Testing Information

HIV testing is available in Halifax, Truro, Sydney, Antigonish, and Port Hawkesbury. There are three types of testing options in Nova Scotia: nominal, non-nominal, and anonymous.

Nominal Testing

In the nominal testing process, you will give your name and other identifying information to the person drawing the blood test, and your name and identifying information will be on the blood tube and requisition. This type of HIV testing is available through your family doctor at a local blood collection clinic. In the case of a positive test result, your name and other identifying information will be given to Public Health, and your test result (either negative or positive) will be part of your medical file.

Non-nominal Testing

In the non-nominal testing process, you will give your name and other identifying information to the person drawing the blood test, however, the blood tube and requisition will be sent to the lab with only a code on it. This type of HIV testing is available at the STD Clinic in Halifax and also may be available through your family doctor at a local blood collection clinic. In the case of a positive test result, your name and other identifying information will be given to Public Health, and your test result (either negative or positive) will be part of your medical file.

Anonymous Testing

Anonymous testing means that you do not provide your name or any identifying information to the person drawing the blood test. In the case of a positive test result, certain statistical information will be provided to Public Health for reporting purposes. Your name will not be connected to the test result in any way, and no information will be recorded on your medical file.

Anonymous HIV Testing

Halifax

prideHealth

(at the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia)

1668 Barrington Street, Suite 401

T (902) 220-0643

E pridehealthnurse@cdha.nshealth.ca

> Please call or email to make an appointment



Halifax Sexual Health Centre

6009 Quinpool Road, Suite 201

T(902) 455-9656

> Drop-in: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 am

> Scheduled appointment times are also available

Truro

Northern AIDS Connection Society

33 Pleasant Street

T 1-866-940-2437

Sydney, Antigonish and Port Hawkesbury

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton

150 Bentick Street, Sydney

T 1-877-597-9255

Nominal & Non-nominal HIV Testing

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic

QEII Health Sciences Centre

Dickson Centre, Victoria General Site, 5th Floor

T (902) 473-2272

> Drop-in: Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Available through your family practice

> Obtain a requisition form for blood collection
