

Important Change to HIV Testing and Reporting in Ontario

The reporting regulation under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) has changed: the names and contact information of people who test positive for HIV at anonymous testing clinics may **not** have to be reported to Public Health in Ontario.

If you have your initial HIV test at an anonymous testing clinic you may be able to use your positive anonymous HIV test code to have anonymous HIV viral load testing.

For more information please visit our website:

www.halco.org/areas-of-law/health/hiv-testing

Anonymous HIV tests are free in Ontario, and you do not need an Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) card or number to get an anonymous HIV test. To find an anonymous testing clinic in Ontario, you can contact the free, confidential Ontario AIDS & Sexual Health Infoline (you do not have to give your name or information):

- English and a number of other languages: 416-392-2437 or toll-free in Ontario 1-800-668-2437
- French: toll-free in Ontario 1-800-267-7432
- website: www.toronto.ca/health/sexualhealth/aids_hotline.htm

If you test HIV positive at an anonymous testing clinic, we encourage you to keep your positive anonymous HIV test code. If you have questions about Public Health reporting requirements, we encourage you to contact us for free legal advice as soon as possible after you receive the positive anonymous HIV test result (ideally before you seek medical treatment).

HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO)

telephone: 416-340-7790 or toll-free 1-888-705-8889 www.halco.org

- HALCO provides free legal services for people living with HIV in Ontario -

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