

# Communicable Diseases and Infection Control Updates

## What's New

### **Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections Updates**

The activities included in this section support the implementation of the [Government of Canada's STBBI Action Plan](#).

### **[New Resource Available: Doxy-PEP + HIV PrEP & PEP Brochure](#)**

A new bilingual brochure is now available on the PHAC Training Portal, providing an at-a-glance overview of recent clinical guidance on Doxy-PEP, HIV PrEP and HIV PEP.

This resource summarizes updated recommendations released in late 2025 and is designed to support health professionals in integrating these updates into a comprehensive approach to preventing STBBI.

### **[2024 HIV In Canada Surveillance Highlights Infographic Updated](#)**

The HIV in Canada Surveillance Highlights Infographic for 2024 has been updated to include data that was previously not available. Please see the updated infographic for revised National rates of HIV Diagnoses.

### **[National study underscores gaps in prenatal care contributing to congenital syphilis in Canada](#)**

Congenital syphilis has risen sharply in Canada, increasing from 2.1 to 14.5 confirmed cases per 100,000 live births between 2017 and 2023. This national study examined prenatal care experiences among mothers or birthing parents of infants diagnosed with congenital syphilis, using data from the Canadian Paediatric Surveillance Program collected between June 2021 and May 2023.

A total of 245 liveborn cases were reported across seven provinces and territories. The findings revealed significant gaps in prevention, including limited access to prenatal care, missed syphilis screening, and incomplete treatment. Substance use during pregnancy was common.

This national assessment found major gaps in prenatal care for mothers or birthing parents of infants diagnosed with congenital syphilis. Public health action is needed,

such as community outreach to improve access to prenatal care for all pregnant people, with focused support for those who use substances.

### [Updated transfusion and transplantation-related adverse events data now available](#)

New national surveillance data on transfusion- and transplantation-related adverse events is now available on Health Infobase.

The Transfusion and transplantation-related adverse events data blog summarizes findings and trends from recent surveillance reporting cycles, for three surveillance systems:

- Transfusion Error Surveillance System (TESS) – 2024
- Transfusion Transmitted Injuries Surveillance System (TTISS) – 2023
- Cell, Tissue and Organ Surveillance System (CTOSS) – 2024

## What's Coming

### [Webinar: Supporting TB Care in Inuit Communities](#)

Join us on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm ET for the second webinar of our two-part series exploring the social realities of tuberculosis (TB) and the importance of a culturally responsive approach to TB care. This webinar will centre on TB in Inuit communities. Speakers will offer practical insights into the socioeconomic factors influencing TB and offer strategies for health and social service providers to strengthen their practice through cultural safety, competence, and humility. An interactive Q&A will highlight key actions to advance the TB response.

Presented by the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCID) and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), with the guidance of an advisory committee of First Nations and Inuit health professionals and community leaders.

## Other

The Government of Canada is inviting Canadians to help shape the country's first [Men and Boys' Health Strategy](#) by completing a short online questionnaire by June 1, 2026.

This [questionnaire](#) is open to everyone in Canada over the age of 16. In particular, we want to hear directly from young people about their experiences and perspectives on how to better support the physical and mental well-being of men and boys.

The questionnaire is part of a broader national engagement that launched on February 23, 2026, and kickstarted a 90-day process to gather insights from the public.

We're asking for your help to share key messages with your audiences. To support your efforts, we've included a youth-focused and general outreach kit with [ready-to-use content](#) and materials.

With your support, more Canadians can be a part of the conversation and help build a strategy that strengthens our communities and the well-being of future generations.

## **Stay Connected**

View previous CDIC Updates: [PHAC Training Portal](#)

Facebook: [Healthy Canadians](#)

X: [Health Canada and PHAC](#)

YouTube: [Healthy Canadians](#)

---

Questions, comments, or concerns? Contact us at [ccdic.knowledge.mobilization-clmti.mobilisation.connaissances@phac-aspc.gc.ca](mailto:ccdic.knowledge.mobilization-clmti.mobilisation.connaissances@phac-aspc.gc.ca)

---

## **Cancelling your subscription**

To change or cancel your subscription at any time, please visit the [Communicable Diseases and Infection Control Updates](#) web page.