



# Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...** For Health Care Professionals



## **World AIDS Day – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

### **“Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response”**

**World AIDS Day 2025** highlights the need for sustained political leadership, global cooperation, and human-rights-centred approaches to end AIDS by 2030.

This year, the World Health Organization (WHO) theme, “**Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response**” calls for action to **address persistent inequalities**, **integrate HIV services** into primary health care, **expand access to innovations** such as long-acting antiretrovirals, and **strengthen the engagement of communities** most affected.

Globally, an estimated 40.8 million people were living with HIV in 2024, with 1.3 million new infections and approximately 630,000 HIV-related deaths.

HIV infection and AIDS remain **reportable** to Durham Region Health Department (DRHD). In 2024, 59 HIV infections were reported, more than double the previous five-year average of 25, reinforcing the continued importance of accessible testing, early diagnosis and timely linkage to care.

For more HIV/AIDS statistics in Durham Region, see the latest [HIV and AIDS Infographic \(2020-2024\)](#).

## **A Focus on Sexual Health**

Preventing sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs) depends on accessible testing, timely diagnosis, and effective treatment:

- Resources for STBBI testing and treatment is available at [Durham.ca/hcp](https://durham.ca/hcp).
- STBBI testing and treatment are available at DRHD Sexual Health Clinics, located at the Oshawa Centre and the Shops at Pickering Town Centre: [Sexual Health and Clinics - Region of Durham](#)
- Health care providers can order publicly funded medications to treat chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. To order, visit the [STI Medications Order Form](#) (or go to [durham.ca/hcp](https://durham.ca/hcp) → **Forms** → **Order**).

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