Taking Care of our Community:
HIV, STIs and Hepatitis C during the COVID-19 Pandemic
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There's a lot WE CAN DO TOGETHER to stay safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Getting to Zero SF Consortium supports the SF Department of Public Health in affirming that services for testing, prevention, treatment, and monitoring of HIV, STIs, and hepatitis C are ESSENTIAL and should be PRIORITIZED during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For COMMUNITY MEMBERS seeking services:

To maintain your health, it's important that you continue to seek care when you need it, including routine STD testing and HIV viral load monitoring if you are a person living with HIV.

If you do not have a health care provider or if you have lost your healthcare due to loss of employment, please call PRC’s Equal Access to Healthcare Program at (415) 777-0333 or see the list of clinics and programs here - tiny.cc/SFHIVNavigation - who can help establish health care coverage for you.

Here are some tips on having safer sex during COVID-19 times.

We strongly urge you to get your FLU SHOT! Flu shots are available now at provider offices, clinics, and pharmacies throughout the city. Check first with your doctor’s office or primary care clinic which is often the best and least expensive place to get vaccinated. Or use the Health Map Vaccine Finder to find a location in your neighborhood that is currently offering flu vaccines to the public. For additional information, please visit “Where to Get Immunized” on the SFDPH website here.

For HEALTH CARE WORKERS providing services:

The SF Department of Health has issued a FAQ on Community-Based Testing Services for HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Hepatitis C for staff of community-based organizations and programs providing testing and services in the City.

The SFDPH provides guidance for health care providers on how to stay safe when providing these and other critical services here.

Here is a link for health care providers that lists HIV Navigation programs in SF, including PrEP services - tiny.cc/SFHIVNavigation.

Both resources are linked from the GTZ-SF website under “Resources.”