

EuroTEST update: European Testing Week and regional assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on testing services

EU CSF on HIV, TB and Viral Hepatitis

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Results from the 2020 Spring ETW

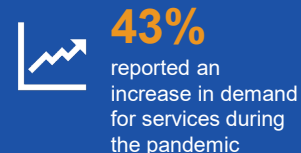
- Due to the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, the **15-22 May 2020 SETW** primarily focused on **virtual-based SETW-related activities** with two key focus areas:

- Sharing experiences** from the HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infection fields to work in unison against COVID-19;
- Continuing to remind the European community **that HIV, viral hepatitis and STI prevention, testing, care and support services are essential services and must continue to be supported**, especially during times of crisis.



Impact of COVID-19

Change in services due to COVID-19



Interest in self-testing/self-sampling (ST/SS)



November 2020 European Testing Week

- The next #EuroTestWeek is **20 – 27 November 2020**
- For this November, ETW encourages continuing to **advocate** and **raise awareness** on the importance of HIV, viral hepatitis and STI services and share how organisations are supporting local communities during this global pandemic.
- Interested organisations can sign up, download materials and get more info at www.testingweek.eu

Objectives

- **Main objective:** To assess the impact of COVID-19 on HIV, viral hepatitis and STI testing in the WHO European Region.
- Specific objectives:
 1. Document the quantitative and structural impact on testing and, to a less detailed extent, on prevention and linkage to care for these infections among the different actors of the response (**laboratories, clinics, primary health care units (PHC) and community**);
 2. Collect information on causes associated with this impact;
 3. Collect information on measures put in place to mitigate it and areas where guidance or support are needed;
 4. Document and disseminate good practices in service provision for the different infections in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consortium composition

- Representation/support from:



+ Independent experts

Tentative timeline

- Roll out on October 5
- Open until October 31
- Preliminary descriptive results in late November (ETW/WAD)

Thank you!

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