Expanded Testing Program

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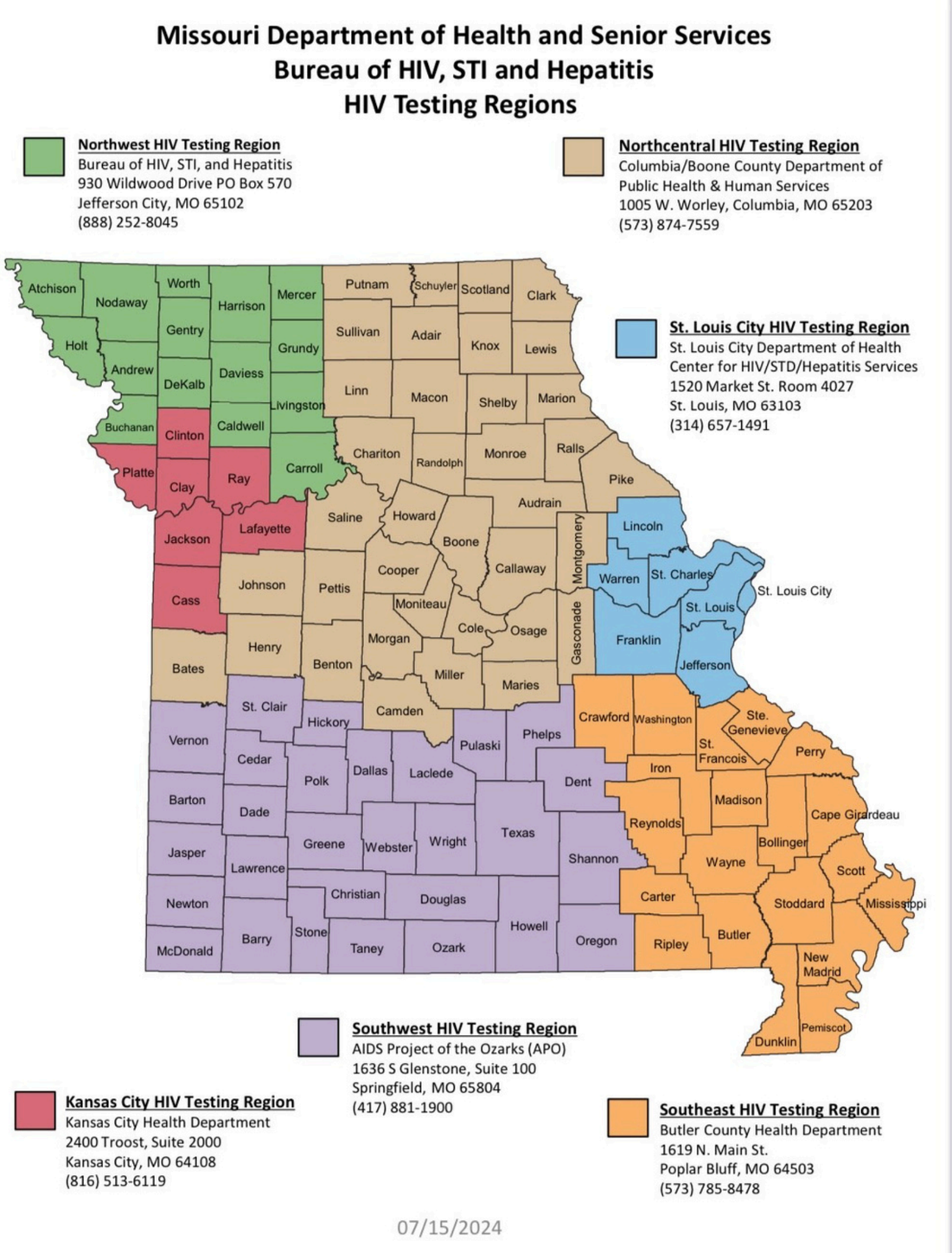


General Information

- The global pandemic of HIV/AIDS began in 1981, and is an ongoing worldwide public health priority.
- Missouri is considered a priority state in the federal Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative.
- Missouri is 1 of 7 states with high numbers of HIV diagnoses in rural areas.
- Early detection = reduced spread + better health outcomes

The Expanded Testing Program

Purpose:

To outline standardized procedures for implementing routine rapid HIV screening, using fingerstick testing in healthcare settings. The program aims to increase early detection and linkage to care for HIV. Everyone gets offered testing, no assumptions, no exclusions, no judgment.

Goal:

To reduce new HIV infections in Missouri by ensuring all individuals:

- Know their status
- Are connected to HIV medical care following screening
- Remain engaged in long-term care following diagnosis

Expanded Testing Program

Program Began

2007

Started in STL, Kansas City and Springfield areas

Current # of sites

130+

There are currently over 130+ sites throughout Missouri doing Rapid HIV testing.

The CDC recommends routine opt-out HIV screening for people, ages 13–64 in all healthcare settings, including Emergency Departments.

This Program is at **no cost** to your healthcare entity or your patients.

About the Sure Check HIV 1/2 Test

- Single-use, in-vitro rapid diagnostic test
- Detects HIV-1 and HIV-2 antibodies

- CLIA-waived for whole blood (finger stick or venipuncture)
- 24-month shelf life; room temperature storage (46º–86ºF)
- Approved for ages 13 and older
- Controls are ran every 60 days

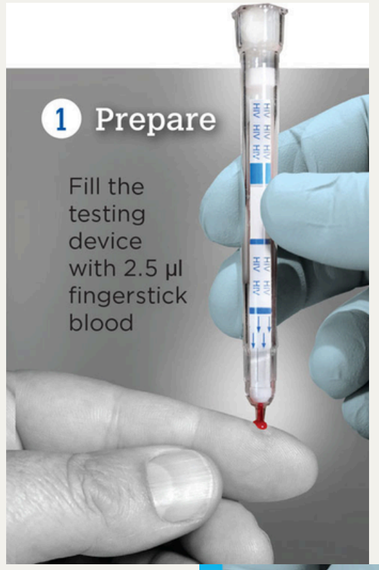
- Sensitivity: 99.7% – accurately identifies true positive results
- Specificity: 99.9% – accurately identifies true negative results

Not Included:
Alcohol Pad
Cotton Ball/ Gauze Pad

Testing Process

- Screening begins with the Sure Check Rapid HIV Test as part of routine care
- Standard approach: “Everyone who comes to our clinic receives a routine HIV test —may we proceed with yours today?”
- Verbal consent is sufficient; no additional written consent is required per Missouri State Statutes
- Test is performed via finger stick with results in 15 minutes

- **If positive:** patient receives an immediate confirmatory laboratory blood draw before leaving facility
- Tell the patient a Disease Intervention Specialist will be contacting them
- You will then call the number located on the magnet provided to let our Division know of reactive testing result



Expanded Testing Program Coordinator – Roles & Responsibilities

Training & Site Support

- Provide training and ongoing technical assistance
- Onboard new testing partners
- Monitor site performance and compliance

Data & Reporting

- Coordinate monthly data collection and DHSS reporting
- Track program goals and outcomes
- Ensure timely CD-1 reporting in accordance with State Law

Linkage to Prevention & Care

- Coordinate linkage to care with Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS)

Quality & Inventory Management

- Maintain temperature and control logs
- Manage inventory of test kits
- Ensure proper storage and handling of tests

Staff – Roles & Responsibilities

- Offer opt-out HIV testing
- Inform patients that testing is part of routine care.
  - We offer HIV testing to all patients to support overall health. It's a quick fingerstick with results in 15 minutes—would you like to proceed?

- Conduct the Sure Check rapid HIV fingerstick test
- Collect and report required data monthly

For preliminary positive results:

- Perform confirmatory blood draw before the patient leaves the facility
- Notify the Columbia/Boone County Health Department
  - Phone: 573-874-7408
  - Toll-Free: 833-402-1458
- Notification required within 1 business day

You Test, We do the Rest!

Calling the number on the Magnet will provide:

- Connection to a Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS):
  - Provides guidance and “hand-holding”
  - Assists with partner notification
  - Ensures timely entry into care and treatment
- Connection to a Linkage to Care Coordinator:
  - Supports newly diagnosed individuals over time
  - Helps patients process their diagnosis and navigate care
- Connection to Case Management Services:
  - Multiple options available based on income
  - Assistance includes:
    - Medication costs
    - Transportation
    - Medical appointments
    - Housing support
    - Utility assistance

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HIV Linkage to Care
For any new or previous persons with HIV call:

573-874-7408

Toll Free: 833-402-1458

North Central MO HIV Case Management Intake Line

Data Collection

- Each participating site must collect and report the following monthly for all tests:
  - Facility Name, County, State and Zip Code
  - Date of Birth
  - Race
  - Ethnicity
  - Gender
  - Date of test
  - Test result

For Positives: Name and Contact information is needed for a Disease Intervention Specialist to contact them, this is a reportable disease.

Sites may either:

- Enter Data into RedCap themselves
- Send data securely to the Program Coordinator to input into RedCap
- Coordinate with Missouri DHSS for direct data transmission into RedCap

Why Expanded Testing is Important?

Identifying Infections

Offering testing to everyone can identify infections in people who have not been tested before.

Linking people to care

Expanded Testing can help connect people with higher likelihood of contracting HIV to care.

Increasing Testing

Expanded Testing can assist with testing large populations of people in communities.

Establishing the Partnership

- Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Business Associate Agreement (BAA)
- Once signed and returned, we can proceed with:
  - Staff training on testing procedures
  - Program setup and implementation at your facility
- A fully executed copy will be provided to your organization upon finalization

Final Remarks

- Missouri's primary goals are to reduce new HIV infections by ensuring that:
  - Individuals living with HIV are aware of their status
  - They are linked to HIV medical care
  - They are retained in ongoing care
- This program is designed to support your organization and integrate easily into your current workflows in a feasible and sustainable way
- Our priority is to partner with you to strengthen the health and well-being of your community

Questions

If interesting in having rapid HIV Testing at your entitiy reach out to your regions Expanded Testing Program Coordinator:

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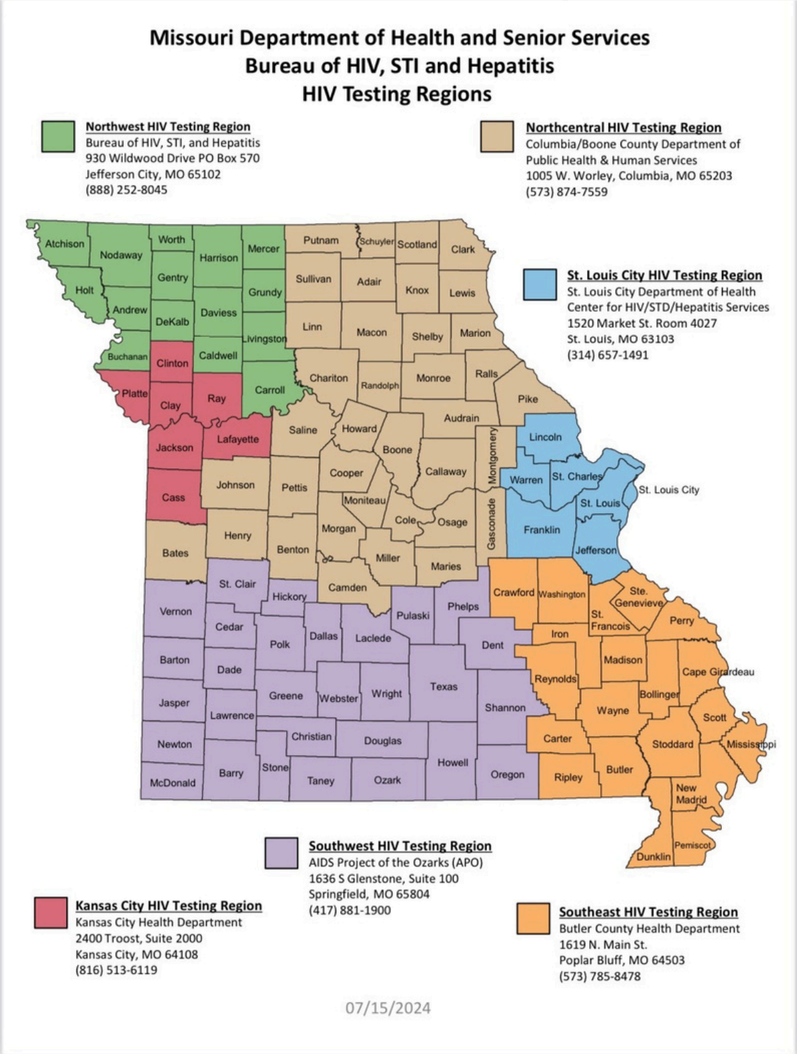
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