



ABOUT TORONTO TO ZERO

Since 2014, more than 250 major cities around the world have joined the **Fast-Track Cities Initiative** – a global effort to scale up the response to HIV and reach three ambitious targets:

- 90% of people living with HIV diagnosed
- 90% of people diagnosed on treatment
- 90% of people on treatment with an undetectable viral load

If we all meet these targets, we can significantly reduce the number of new transmissions and ensure people with HIV live long lives in good health.

Through Toronto to Zero, we have the opportunity to make an historic difference in our city: we can be the generation that ends the burden of HIV.

Toronto to Zero is Toronto's Fast-Track City initiative. It is a collaboration of government, the private sector, public health, community-based AIDS organizations, clinicians, researchers, people living with HIV and activists. Many of us already work together and we are energized by the opportunity to do more: to coordinate our efforts, be innovative, and reach all populations affected by HIV.

Our Vision: An ambitious city-wide drive to make new HIV transmission rare and help people with HIV lead long healthy lives, free from stigma and discrimination.

Our objectives: Leveraging Toronto's existing HIV programs and services, by 2026 we will:

1. Reduce by two-thirds — from 434 to 145 — the number of new HIV transmissions that occur in Toronto each year
2. Surpass the UNAIDS 90-90-90 targets and have 95% of people living with HIV diagnosed, 95% of those diagnosed on treatment and 97% of those on treatment virally suppressed
3. Ensure no one is left behind — all populations affected by HIV will share in the benefits of care and treatment
4. Establish a fourth 90: to improve the overall health, longevity and quality of life for people living with HIV
5. End HIV stigma and discrimination



Key Messages

At least one person a day – more than 400 people a year – are diagnosed with HIV in Toronto.

The Fast-Track City initiative has been transformative for cities around the world; it's time for Toronto to join their ranks.

Visit the Toronto to Zero website and fill out **our survey** to ensure your voice and ideas are heard. To learn more about the initiative and to keep up with news and events visit:

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Toronto is close to meeting the United Nations targets for the proportion of people with HIV who are diagnosed, on treatment and virally suppressed.

However, we aren't there yet. HIV remains a serious public health threat in Toronto, and one that disproportionately affects vulnerable populations: gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men; men and women from African, Caribbean and Black communities; men and women who inject drugs; and Indigenous men and women.

Toronto has always had a strong response to HIV. Now we have a chance to re-imagine that response. We have the knowledge and tools to stop the virus: effective treatments that suppress viral load and mean that people can't pass on the virus as well as drugs and other forms of prevention that can keep people from becoming infected.

If Toronto to Zero is successful, we will prevent 300 new transmissions a year over the next five years, improve people's lives and save the health care system over \$620 million.¹

The Toronto to Zero initiative is actively engaging the community in planning and implementing its strategy, and creating opportunities to learn and contribute to this work. We have established 15 task groups to help develop our action plan.

Toronto to Zero will:

- break down silos and change the way services are organized and delivered;
- enhance testing programs and reach the undiagnosed, which is key to stopping the spread of HIV;
- jumpstart treatment innovations to improve the health of people living with HIV and prevent new transmissions;
- provide an effective, coordinated way to address the social and structural drivers of HIV, such as unstable housing, policies that prevent access to services, and stigma and discrimination.

¹ Based on an estimated lifetime cost of treating HIV of more than \$400,000.