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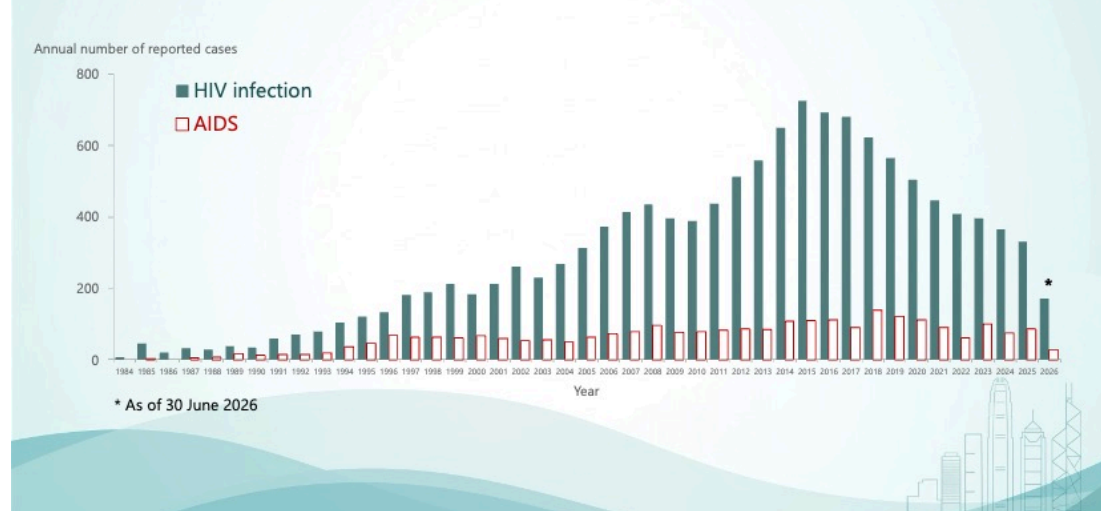
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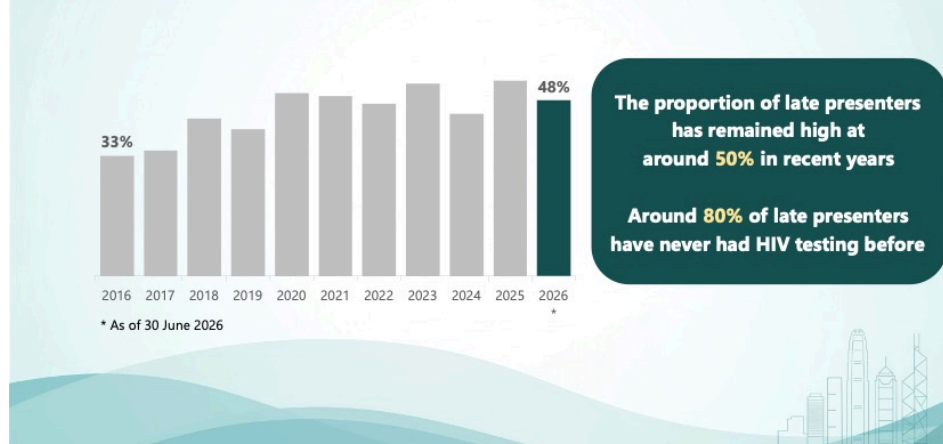
In the first half of 2026, the Department of Health (DH) received 171 new reports of HIV infection and 28 AIDS reports, bringing the cumulative totals to 12,905 HIV infections and 2,671 AIDS cases since 1984.

Sexual contact accounted for 99.3% of all new HIV cases with a reported route. While new HIV infections have declined for ten consecutive years, the proportion of late presenters remains high at around 50%. This was particularly common among persons at general risk, most of whom were heterosexuals. Nearly 80% of late presenters had never undergone HIV testing, reflecting a persistent misconception of low perceived risk of HIV acquisition.

Annual number of reported HIV/AIDS cases in Hong Kong



Proportion of late presenters among newly reported HIV cases



Risk category of newly reported HIV cases and the corresponding proportion of late presenters

	Higher-risk populations (eg. men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, sex workers)	Persons at general risk (mostly heterosexual)
Among newly reported cases	66%	34%
Proportion of late presenters	40%	66%

* As of 30 June 2026

DH emphasised that **all individuals who have had sex, regardless of age or sexual orientation, should undergo HIV antibody testing at least once**. Early testing enables timely diagnosis and treatment, prevents major complications including AIDS, and significantly improves survival. Importantly, those who achieve an undetectable viral load while on treatment will not transmit HIV through sex — the principle of “*Undetectable = Untransmittable*”.

For detailed statistics, please refer to:
https://www.aids.gov.hk/english/surveillance/latest_stat.html



■ Summary table on the latest HIV/AIDS situation as of June 2026

	First half of 2026		Cumulative (since 1984)	
	HIV infection	AIDS	HIV infection	AIDS
1. Gender				
Man	143	24	10,565	2,204
Woman	28	4	2,340	467
2. Age				
Age range (years)	19 - 80	26 - 79	0 - 96	0 - 86
3. Ethnicity				
Chinese	111	23	8,881	2,057
Non-Chinese	32	5	3,403	612
Unknown	28	0	621	2
4. Route of Transmission				
Homosexual/bisexual contact	94	13	6,243	1,051
Heterosexual contact	46	14	4,132	1,335
Injecting drug use	1	0	386	70
Transfusion of blood/blood products	0	0	88	26
Mother-to-child transmission	0	0	42	12
Undetermined	30	1	2,014	177
Total	171	28	12,905	2,671

Since 2006, the Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) has engaged the Hong Kong Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (HKLGGFF) as a platform to promote HIV prevention and foster a stigma-free environment. The initiative highlights inclusivity for diverse communities, encouraging equitable access to sexual-health information, testing and treatment, and reducing barriers of prejudice and discrimination.

This year, RRC supports the film *"THE MYSTERIOUS GAZE OF THE FLAMINGO"*. Set in a remote Chilean mining town in the 1980s, the story explores how fear and misinformation surrounding a deadly virus led to prejudice and scapegoating of a queer family. Through magical realism and historical reflection, it highlights the destructive power of stigma while celebrating resilience and courage within the queer community.

The film's message aligns with Hong Kong's ongoing efforts to reduce stigma, strengthen inclusive HIV prevention, and ensure all communities can access healthcare with dignity and confidence.



Screening will be held on

- **12 September (Sat) 3:40pm**
Broadway Cinematheque
- **16 September (Wed) 7:00pm**
Premiere Elements



Launched on 1 April 2026, the **Partnership Programme for Community Engagement** represents a major step in strengthening Hong Kong's HIV response. As part of DH's collaboration model, the Programme leverages NGO networks to expand testing, prevention, and holistic support services, ensuring accessibility and sustainability.

During the summer of 2026, two pilot initiatives advanced with notable progress:

■ Priority Populations Testing and Counselling Programme

The programme aims to promote early HIV testing and prevention in line with the *Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2022–2027)*. To support smooth implementation, the first Programme Implementation Meeting was convened on 27 July 2026 with 26 participants from 8 NGOs. The meeting provided practical guidance on service delivery, quality assurance, and clinical waste management, while also serving as a forum for NGOs to exchange ideas, share frontline experiences, and provide feedback. This interactive dialogue helped identify good practices and reinforced the programme's commitment to responsive, community-based HIV services.



Priority Populations Testing and Counselling Programme
Programme Implementation Meeting
27 JULY 2026

■ People Living with HIV (PLHIV) Support Services Programme

The programme aims to strengthen holistic support for PLHIV and their families, complementing the care provided at public HIV clinics. By integrating medical, psychological, and social dimensions, the initiative helps PLHIV adjust, sustain well-being, build resilience, and lead healthy lives. All five commissioned NGOs were fully operational from 1 July 2026. To ensure smooth service delivery, DH convened an implementation meeting on 27 August 2026 with 15 participants. The meeting focused on service elements, referral pathways, and quality assurance measures, while also providing a forum for NGOs to exchange experiences and share feedback. This collaborative dialogue reinforced alignment between clinics and NGOs, ensuring continuity of care and responsive, community-grounded support.



**Programme Implementation Meeting on
People Living with HIV (PLHIV)
Support Services Programme (Pilot)**

27 August 2026

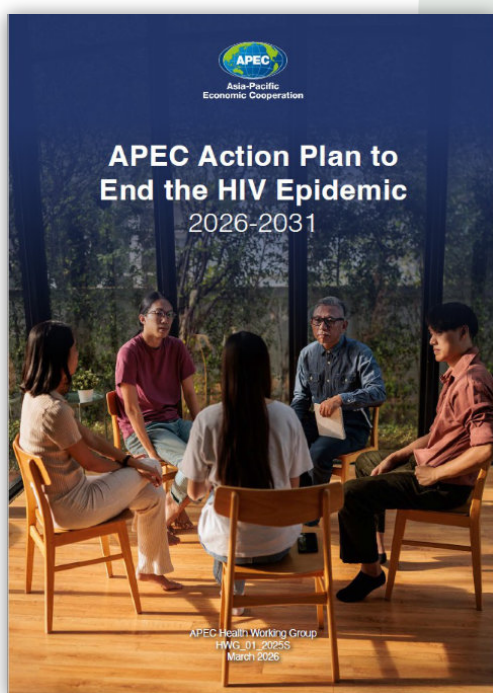


04 The 2nd APEC Policy Dialogue to End the HIV Epidemic

Held in Dalian on 22 August 2026, the Dialogue built on the inaugural meeting in Incheon (2025) and focused on implementing the **APEC Action Plan to End the HIV Epidemic 2026–2031**.

Consultant (SPP) / DH, shared Hong Kong's HIV prevention and control measures, highlighting alignment with the APEC Action Plan's six pillars: diversified testing, prevention and treatment services, timely linkage to care, community partnership, stigma reduction, and data-informed planning.

The Dialogue reinforced regional collaboration towards ending HIV as a public-health threat.



On 21 August 2026, DH delivered a session for a group of youth ambassadors under Teen's Key's "**EmpowerEd Youth 性教育大使計劃**".

Doctors from the Social Hygiene Service (SHS) and the Special Preventive Programme (SPP) introduced common sexually transmitted infections (STIs), recent local statistics, testing and treatment services and case sharing. They also provided updates on HIV, including PrEP/PEP, together with communication tips to help young people discuss sexual health concerns with healthcare providers.

The session was well received, with participants actively engaging and raising questions on STI prevention, HIV testing, and access to services.



On 31 July 2026, DH supported an mpox prevention event organised by TWGHs Co-spectrum Health Community Project.

A doctor from DH's Communicable Disease Branch provided updates on local mpox epidemiology, prevention, and vaccination. SPP introduced **The Commons**, highlighting its one-stop sexual health services that deliver comprehensive clinical care for the prevention of HIV, viral hepatitis, and STIs among men who have sex with men (MSM) and the transgender population.

The event featured Playback Theatre, a health talk, and Q&A session, offering tailored education and encouraging mpox vaccination among at-risk groups.

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幾時食**PREP**？
幾時食**PEP**？😞

有煩惱講唔出口？
將煩惱變成劇場表演啦！

【男言之隱】
一人一故事劇場 **X MEMBER** 醫事指南

日期：2026年7月31日（星期五）
時間：19:30-22:00
地點：灣仔東超商業大廈12樓
對象：男同志/雙性戀男生（有CHEMFUN經驗者優先參加）
名額：30人；費用：免費

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主診醫生專業分享
拆解同志性健康迷思！

「愛·自由計劃」劇團
一人一故事即興劇場

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Exploring Collaboration to Promote Sexual Health Among Non-Chinese Communities

On 4 August 2026, SPP visited **Christian Action's Diversity Hub** in Chungking Mansions (重慶大廈) to understand the NGO's work with non-Chinese communities and explore potential collaboration in sexual health promotion.

Discussions focused on the unique challenges faced by ethnically diverse groups, including differences in health-seeking behaviours, language barriers, and limited awareness of available services. Participants examined culturally appropriate approaches to HIV/STI prevention and testing, as well as strategies to strengthen prevention of mother-to-child transmission. The visit also introduced SPP's services and explored ways to improve access to accurate information, timely referral, and supportive care tailored to non-Chinese populations.

This engagement underscored the importance of building inclusive, culturally sensitive health-promotion models to close service gaps and ensure equitable access for all communities in Hong Kong.

