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Developing a sustainable HIV,  
viral hepatitis & sexual health workforce

# National Impact of COVID-19 on the BBV and STI Sectors

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## Service Delivery

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- Profound
- Re-deployment, access and capacity
- Service adaptation
  - Speed
  - Reduction in patient flow
  - Reduction in positive STI results
  - Telehealth and video-telehealth
  - Asymptomatic v symptomatic
  - Deferral of blood tests, mailing scripts (6-12mths)
  - Self administered swabs



## Workforce

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- Redeployment
- Lean-in
- Thirst for knowledge
- New programs, new trainings, new research
- Appetite for core business

## Clients

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- Reduction in attendance at sexual & general health services
- Impact on mental health, earnings, social connections
- Casual sex
- PrEP
- Clinical care



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## Thank you

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