



Queensland Positive People

INCLUSIVE, INNOVATIVE HIV SERVICES

**The impact of COVID-19 on STI and BBV sectors in Queensland
Queensland Sexual Health Society**



**Peer Navigation &
Peer Support Program**



Emergency Funds



**Stigma & Discrimination
Program**



World AIDS Day



**Treatment Support – Case
Management**



RAPID HIV STI Testing



- If we thought we were busy before.....
- Public Health Management Plan
 - Staff working remotely – mid March
 - RAPID closed – early April
 - Rapid review of all service delivery models
- Information for PLHIV community – COVID and HIV



- Broadened the scope of the PN program to include emotional and social support
 - Online chat
 - Telephone support
 - Zoom meetings
 - Online social groups
 - Short videos – HIV and COVID, access to treatments



- Face to face support provided for vulnerable clients only – especially newly diagnosed and those people we support in partnership with the HIV PHT.
- Telephone, email, online/zoom etc.
- Increased applications for emergency financial assistance – access to treatments due to COVID travel restrictions etc.



WorkSafe Australia COVID-19 Guidelines

- staff consultation
- Return to offices plan
- New guidelines, training, sick leave, cleaning

QH COVID-19 Grants July 2020 – June 2021)

- Staff safety and health (psychological support, PPE, building safety measures)
- Community engagement and education
- Online HIV self-testing
- IT and website upgrade

SA negotiations for 2021-2025