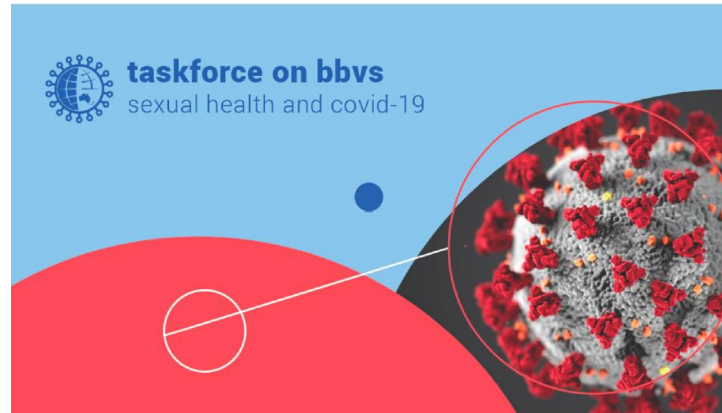


# The ASHM COVID-19 Taskforce Response



**The Impact of COVID-19  
on the STI & BBV Sectors in Queensland,  
Sexual Health Society of Queensland**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

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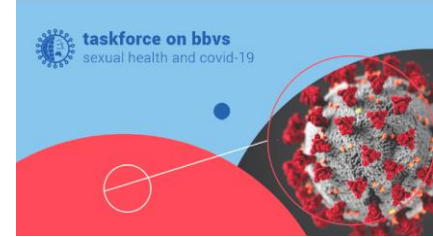
# ASHM COVID-19 Taskforce

- Established March 19<sup>th</sup> 2020
- Goal: to support the Australasian healthcare workforce who care for people with HIV, hepatitis B and C and STIs with guidance on supporting these populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Includes a Regional Advisory Group (RAG), led by Dr Nick Medland, to support clinicians looking after the same patient populations in Asia and the Pacific region



# ASHM COVID-19 Taskforce

- Currently has 100 members
- Topics & Cluster Groups
  - Science and Epidemiology
    - Virology & COVID-19 Epidemiology
  - COVID-19 Natural History & Testing
  - Clinical Care
    - Infection Control, HIV, HBV, HCV, Practice management, Indigenous Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, PWID, Homeless & Outreach populations, Sex Workers CALD & Migrant populations, Justice Health, Mental Health, Sexual Health
  - Research & Understanding the Data
    - Research Studies in Australasia and Overseas
    - Understanding the data



# Outputs

- **Guidance documents**

- HIV, HCV, HBV
- Justice Health
- Mental health (patients & workforce)
- Migrant Health
- Sexual Health
- Indigenous Health
- Telehealth Survey
- Harm Reduction approaches to casual sex
- Clinical trials & studies in Australasia
- Immunity to COVID-19

- **Webinars**

- HIV, HCV, HBV
- Indigenous Health
- Basic science & treatment update
- Impact on Universities & Research
- Mental Health x 2
- Science, Epi & COVID-19 natural history x 2

Thank you