

memorandum

To: NSH Central Zone Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Directors

From: STI Care Now Team

Date: December 5, 2024

Subject: New Drop-Off Locations for STI Care Now Kits

The [STI Care Now Initiative](#) provides a free, convenient, and confidential option for patients to access testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), specifically chlamydia and gonorrhea. Participants complete a secure online form to request a kit delivered to their home or an address of their choice. The kit includes simple instructions for collecting a specimen and how to return the kit to us by mail.

Due to the ongoing Canada Post strike impacting mail-in service delivery, we are requesting your support in accepting completed STI Care Now kits at your specimen Drop Off locations. This applies specifically to kits that have already been issued to program participants but have not yet been returned. Once the strike is resolved, we will notify you when this will be discontinued.

Effective December 11th, 2024:

1. **Accept parcels** from program participants when they arrive at your specimen drop off location sites.
2. Transport kit to the Mackenzie Building in Central Zone.
3. **No additional processing** or collection of participant information is required by site staff.

To assist with this process, an image of the kits is included so you can easily identify them when they arrive.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in making the STI Care Now initiative a success. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at STBBIQuestions@nshealth.ca.



Best regards,

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