

# The Pozitive Post

## Love Has No Labels

While Pozitive Pathways Community Services (PPCS) values a community that is inclusive, safe and loving many individuals still fear for their safety, security and livelihood. Valentine's day, February 14th is a great day to celebrate love, kindness and acceptance. It is up to each one of us to act with love to create a more equitable and inclusive community. It is all of our responsibility to acknowledge the impacts of colonialism, systemic racism and violence on members of our community both professionally and personally.

Remember! While celebrating love this Valentine's Day to practice safer sex. Access our Needle Syringe Program (NSP) for sexual health supplies or reach out to our Education and Outreach team for any questions, referrals and support at [educationoutreach@pozitivepathways.com](mailto:educationoutreach@pozitivepathways.com)

Did you know you can get a free HIV self-testing kit at our NSP? Over the next 4-6 months approximately **200,000 self-test kits will be distributed across the country to reach those undiagnosed with HIV and support people to get the care they need.** There are key populations that have been disproportionately affected by HIV in Canada. The goal is to ensure we're reaching everyone who needs testing from these populations.

Love Positive Women (LPW) happens from February 1st to February 14th. It's a global project that raises awareness and generates support for women and girls living with HIV. Using Valentine's Day as a backdrop, Love Positive Women gives individuals and communities a platform to engage in private and public acts of love for women living with HIV. While LPW engages all women living with HIV, because the event takes place during Black History Month and Black women are disproportionately impacted by HIV, the provincial Women & HIV/AIDs Initiative (WHA!) is organizing LPW around addressing anti-Black racism and misogyny.



## Ask The Educator

You can submit your questions for ask the Educator via email, [educationoutreach@pozitivepathways.com](mailto:educationoutreach@pozitivepathways.com) by calling our office, [519-973-0222](tel:519-973-0222) and entering extension 109, 115, 116 or 118.

### Dear Educator, What do I do if I test positive on a HIV-Self Test?

Dear Community Member,

If you test positive you can call the HIV Care Program at Windsor Regional Hospital at [519-254-6115](tel:519-254-6115). You **DO NOT** need a referral or identification. Pozitive Pathways also has a support worker who can assist you with support and wrap around services. Check out Weedor's information below for more information.

Thank you for your question,

Lacie Krzemien, Harm Reduction Community Education Coordinator



## Client Support Services

**POSITION:** PHA Support Worker

### ROLE:

1. Provide support to individuals living and/or affected by HIV/AIDS.
2. Maintain and enhance the overall health and well-being of our clients.
3. Ensure individuals have access to HIV care, treatment and access to peer support.
4. Provide ongoing structure interventions and care for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs) to ensure they are connected to care, adhering to medication regimes and maintaining a suppressed viral load.

"Meeting our clients where they're at."

If you need support call [519-973-0222](tel:519-973-0222) ext. 125 or email [supportworker@pozitivepathways.com](mailto:supportworker@pozitivepathways.com)



## February 2023: Calendar Dates

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Did You Know...</b> That we can deliver harm reduction supplies direct to you. It's free and can be anonymous, if you choose. Simply call or text our mobile number, (519) 257-9646 or email us at <a href="mailto:harmreduction@positivepathways.com">harmreduction@positivepathways.com</a>.</p>		<p>*Check Website for Time and Location Details: <a href="http://positivepathways.com">positivepathways.com</a></p>	1	2  Victoria Place, Coffee Snacks and Chats <b>1:00pm to 3:00pm</b>	3	4
5	6  H4, Outreach and Education <b>1:30pm to 3:30pm</b>	7  <b>African Caribbean Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day</b>	8	9  Victoria Place, Sexual Health Education CKPH/PPCS (HIV self-testing distribution) <b>1:00pm to 3:00pm</b>	10	11
12	13  H4, Outreach and Education <b>1:30pm to 3:30pm</b>	14  <b>Love Positive Women's Day</b>	15	16  Victoria Place, Sexual Health Education CKPH/PPCS <b>1:00pm to 3:00pm</b>	17	18
19	20  <b>Family Day</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	21	22	23  Victoria Place, Coffee Snacks and Chats <b>1:00pm to 3:00pm</b>	24	25
26	27  H4, Outreach and Education <b>1:30pm to 3:30pm</b>	28				

