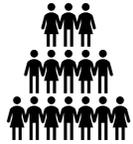


# Results from the Autumn European Testing Week 2020



**644**  
organisations



**51**  
countries represented



**7.5%**  
evaluation response rate

## Nov ETW 2020 participants



**50%**  
from the Western European region



**Ukraine, Lithuania & Portugal** had most orgs signed-up



**67%**  
do testing as part of regular services

Most reported conditions tested:  
**HIV, HCV Syphilis**



**54%**  
were NGOs/CSOs

◆ % of survey respondents

**77%**  
of respondents participated in ETW 2020

### Top 3 main groups that access services\*



**72%**  
MSM



**59%**  
general population



**44%**  
PWID

\*Respondents could choose more than one answer

## Feedback



**84%**  
were interested in participating in both a Spring and Autumn ETW

## ETW online activity



**~ 383**  
total downloads of ETW materials



**2** webinars on Integrating testing for HIV and/or viral hepatitis and COVID-19 & HIV ST during COVID



**3** country case example videos of adapted services during COVID-19

### European Test Finder



**60%**  
reported awareness of the European Test Finder

## Autumn ETW 2020 activities\*



**84%**  
did testing activities



**73%**  
did awareness activities

\*Respondents could choose more than one answer



**50%**  
did new activities for ETW



**68%**  
collaborated with other organisations

### Testing activities for ETW



**41%**  
reported overall decreases in testing volume during ETW compared to pre-pandemic

### However...

of those reporting testing increases



**67%**  
reported an increase of **more than 50%** during ETW

### Targeted conditions for ETW\*



**100%**  
included HIV targeted activities



**77%**  
included HCV targeted activities



**80%**  
did activities targeting more than one condition

## Impact of COVID-19

### Change in services due to COVID-19\*



**63%**  
had fewer appointments/reduced attendance



**57%**  
reported linkage to care was done similarly pre-COVID



**38%**  
did appointment-only testing



**32%**  
reported demand for services were similar to before COVID-19



**38%**  
reported reduced staff onsite

\*Respondents could choose more than one answer

### Interest in self-testing/self-sampling (ST/SS)



**16%**  
reported they were considering adopting or expanding ST/SS services in the future



**19%**  
reported they would only consider adopting or expanding ST/SS if they become more available in the future

**Summary:** 644 organisations from 51 countries in the WHO European Region participated in the 2020 Autumn European Testing Week (ETW). Of those, 7.5% completed the online evaluation survey. The 2020 Autumn ETW primarily focused on the need for continued efforts to adapt in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to ensure continued provision of testing services, however feasible in the local context. Over half of respondents were from NGOs/CSOs and the majority of respondents (67%) reported testing as part of their regular services, with the top three conditions tested including HIV (100%), HCV (77%) and syphilis (53%). When asked which key groups regularly access respondent's services, men who have sex with men (MSM) was the most reported group (72%), followed by the general population (59%) and people who inject drugs (44%). Of those who participated in the Autumn 2020 ETW (77%), the majority reported organising testing activities (84%) followed by awareness raising (72%). Similar to past ETWS, all respondents reported targeting their activities on HIV followed by HCV (77%) and HBV (41%). However, the majority of respondents (80%) reported targeting more than one condition for ETW. Half of respondents reported engaging in new activities and the majority of respondents (68%) reported collaborating with other organisations for ETW. For those reporting organising testing activities, 41% reported a decrease in testing volume during ETW compared to a regular week pre-pandemic. However, of those who reported increases in testing during ETW (19%), 67% reported increases in testing volume of more than 50%. Respondents continued to report impacts on services due to the pandemic, with the majority reporting (63%) experiencing fewer appointments/reduced attendance. However linkage to care protocols were reportedly similar as to before the pandemic. The majority (84%) reported interest in participating in both a Spring and Autumn ETW in the future. Online activity continues to play an important role in ETW with many respondents and the secretariat using social media to promote ETW activities and materials. Additionally, live webinars, videos and other multimedia resources continue to provide an interactive platform for the ETW network to engage.

**Methods:** An online survey in REDCap was distributed to all registered ETW participants to evaluate European Testing Week. Similarly to the Spring 2020 survey, COVID-19 questions were included to assess the continued impact of the pandemic on services. Feedback from the Spring 2020 survey helped to re-define the questions and improve categorisation of responses.

**Limitations:** The evaluation is voluntary with limitations including: limited capacity/resources due to COVID-19, pre-defined answer categories, language barriers and perceptions of questions asked and survey length.

**Conclusions:** The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to affect the number of participants and activities for ETW. Although initial closures and restrictions were lifted compared to the early start of the pandemic and some respondents reported service levels returning to similar levels, many still report having to adapt to mitigate impact from the pandemic.