

From: Hong Kong AIDS Foundation

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HKAF expressed worries about the growth of HIV infection

The Hong Kong AIDS Foundation expressed concern over a total of 202 additional cases of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections in the first quarter of 2017, setting a high record for a single quarter. The figure represents an increase of 37% compared with the same period last year. By the end of March 2017, the cumulative total of reported HIV infections had increased to 8,612.

Although the number of additional cases of HIV infection in the 4th quarter in 2016 recorded a slight drop, overall trends in HIV infections are still increasing. The number of new HIV infections reported had reached a record high, the Foundation expressed worries about the growth. According to the latest information by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), sexual transmission remained the major mode of HIV transmission.

In view of continuously rising trend of HIV infection in the SAR, HKAF will introduce a series of advertisement as part of “Love with Sextitude” campaign, which encourages the community to adopt a healthy and responsible attitude towards sex.



The Foundation urged people to practise safe sex and encourage those with sexual contact to go for early and regular HIV testing.

HIV antibody testing should be considered part of a regular check-up. HKAF is now calling on those who have a history of unsafe sex to contact the Foundation at 2513 0513, or via the mobile application LINE (ID: hivtesting) for voluntary counselling and anonymous HIV and syphilis testing service, which should be conducted three months after [unprotected sexual exposure/possible HIV exposure].

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