

# JOURNEYS TO WELLNESS

## Prairie Hepatitis C Roadmap



# MANITOBA SUMMARY

### What's working?

**On Track** for meeting WHO targets:

- ? 2023 STBBI Action Plan\*\*
- ✓ Exceeds the targeted number of needles and syringes distributed per PWID by 121% (7)

\*\*plan not available at time of this report - release date unknown

26,500

more people in MB tested for hepatitis C virus in 2021 than in 2018.

\*refers to laboratory testing performed subsequent to initial test results used to further identify significant diagnostic information for appropriate patient care

### What's not working?

MB has the

**HIGHEST**

rate of new cases in the country (42.3 versus 19.7 cases per population). (7)

The new cases reported between 2015 and 2019 increased by 85%, moving in the opposite direction to the targeted 30% reduction by 2022. (7)

**NOT** on Track for these WHO targets:

- ✗ Hep C new infections
- ✗ Hep C targets
- ✗ Hep C prenatal testing
- ✗ Hep C DAA

### Where is the opportunity for change?

- Implement policy changes to ensure rapid access to treatment (and re-treatment) is available, including expanded policies to enable treatment access through primary care and pharmacy settings
- Implement enhanced hep C policies and protocols that facilitate access to treatment and support for people entering incarceration (including remand) facilities
- Unite approaches and policies across sectors (e.g., health, education, social services, justice) and prioritize upstream approaches that help address the social and structural determinants of health

### INVEST IN

access to  
treatment AND  
re-treatment



Misconceptions, bureaucratic hurdles and lack of decentralization of treatment providers to include primary care and pharmacists (especially noted in MB) are limiting re-treatment access.



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