INSTI Rapid HIV Testing: Getting Started

To be eligible for Part 2 (HIV Prevention Counseling – aka the booster) you must test at least 5 individuals.

Crisis: Make sure you know your agency's protocol for dealing with a consumer in crisis. HIV Screening ope in Georgia

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Prepare for a Positive Test Result:

 All preliminary positive test results must be confirmed. Who will draw a specimen to confirm preliminary positive tests? How long it will take to receive the results? If you have questions, contact tina@imaginehope.com.

- o Before you test anyone, call your local DPH office to introduce yourself.
- o If possible, meet with the people you will depend on to provide HIV-positive clients with medical case management, social services, and partner notification.
- o Find out what services are available and how to help your client access.
- Go to imaginehope.com under RESOURCES click HIV+ (Preliminal
 - Before You Test
 - **HIV+ Report Forms**
 - Referral / Linkage

Set up a Lab:

- o You need access to a private rapid testing area and a refrigerator. Test kits, controls, and HIV Test Forms (bubble sheets) are available from Imagine Hope.
- o To request bubble sheets or kits/controls go to imaginehope.com (under RESOURCES, click HIV Screening, then Order Lab Supplies).

Worker ID:

- o The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) assigns worker IDs.
- o We will submit a request to DPH, and we expect to be able to send your ID before the booster.
- O When filling out bubble sheets, leave that blank and set them aside until you receive your ID.
- o Before the booster, send a copy (photo or scan) of at least one bubble sheet to Winona by text 404.805.0369 or email winona@imaginehope.com.

Site ID:

- See list of site IDs at <u>imaginehope.com</u> (under RESOURCES, click HIV Screening, then Reporting).
- o If your agency is new to HIV testing, it is now eligible for a Site ID.
- o Email <u>eileen@imaginehope.com</u> for help applying for a Site ID.
- O When filling out HIV Test forms (aka bubble sheets), leave this blank until you receive.

Begin Testing:

- For each test, fill out an HIV Test Form (aka bubble sheet)
- Store your copy in a locked drawer the original will be mailed to DPH.
- o Reminder: if co-workers, family members, or friends want an HIV test, recommend another facility.

Questions? Call Winona Holloway, 404.805.0369