

Sex Now Volunteer Recruitment



What is Sex Now Survey?

Sex Now Survey is a community-based, national gay men's health survey. The study is housed at Community Based Research Centre for Gay Men's Health (CBRC) in Vancouver, BC. The Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN) is one of the partners for the study.

Why are you doing this survey?

Dedicated teams across Canada are working hard to better understand gay men's needs and health in Canada. We hope that with the data we collect, we can support improving the health gay men in Canada. This year, we are also hoping to change the discriminatory blood donation policy at Canadian Blood Service.

Could you describe what I will be doing as a volunteer?

Depending on your interests and skills, you can volunteer with Sex Now either as a recruiter/survey administrator or as a dried blood spot (DBS) sample collector. This year, we will ask guys to fill out a paper version of Sex Now and do a small finger prick blood sample. The paper version of Sex Now will cover a wide range of topics including demographics, sexual health, and Canadian Blood Service deferral policy. The finger prick dried blood sample (DBS) will test for HIV and Hep C for research purposes.

- Survey administrator
 - o Screen eligibility criteria of potential participants
 - o Explain and initiate the study questionnaire
 - o Obtain verbal consent for the study
- Dried blood spot (DBS) collector
 - o Explain and initiate DBS process
 - o Obtain verbal consent for the DBS collection
 - o Conduct DBS sample collection

Skills/Experience needed for volunteers

- Survey Administrators
 - o Able to be outdoors in the weather
 - o Able to engage with strangers
- Dried blood spot (DBS) sample collector
 - o Able to both sit and stand
 - o Able to engage with strangers

What do I get out of volunteering for Sex Now?

Your engagement and support will promote better understandings of the needs and health of gay men in Canada, and work toward ending the discriminatory blood donation policy in Canada. *We will be providing a \$50 honorarium for all of our volunteers.*

When will I be volunteering?

Sex Now Survey data collection will happen during the London pride weekend (July 28 and 29, from 11am to 7pm). We ask for a minimum 4 hour shift over the pride weekend (shifts will be 11am-3pm; 3pm-7pm).

If you are interested in volunteering for Sex Now, please kindly fill out our volunteer survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/N8P8FWB>

If you have any questions regarding the study or the volunteer opportunity, please be in touch with London Sex Now Coordinator, Sean Colyer (scolyer@ohtn.on.ca or 416-642-6486 ext. 2316).