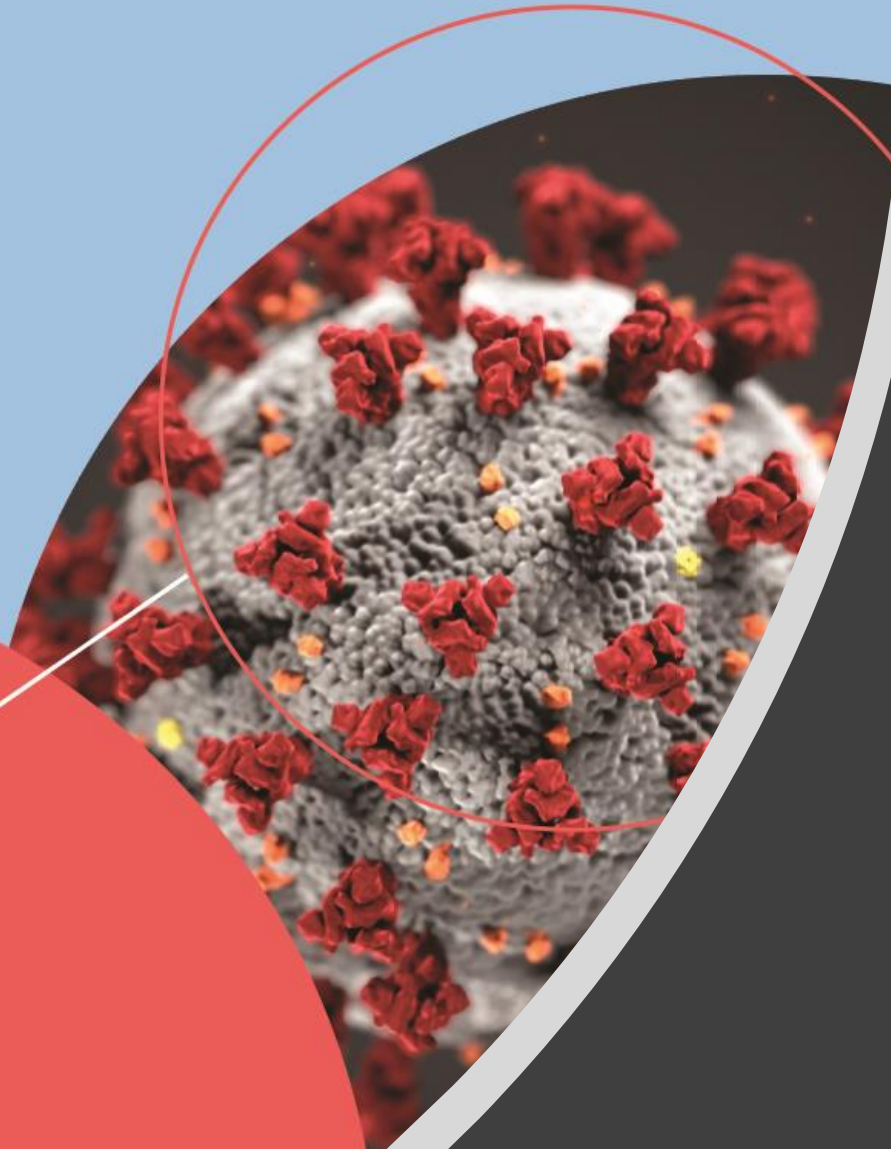




taskforce on bbvs

sexual health and covid-19

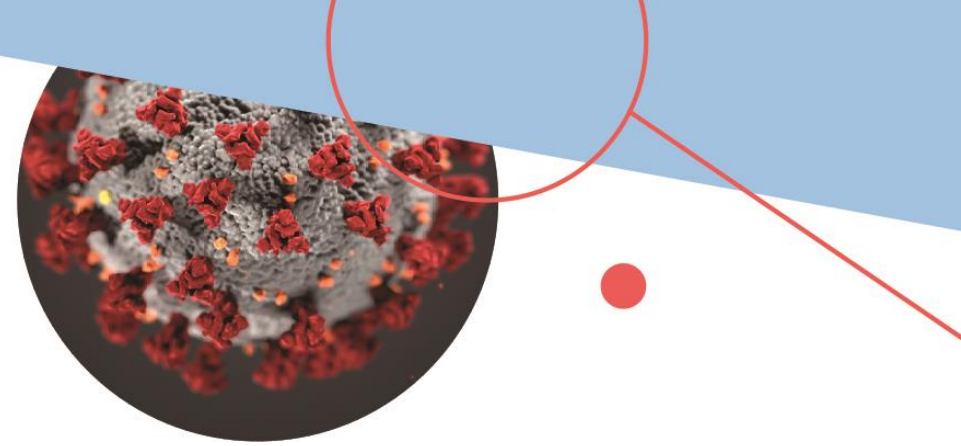


*Supporting the HIV, viral hepatitis
and sexual health workforce
during COVID-19; outputs from a
rapid response Taskforce*

Jessica Michaels
Acting Director of Programs
ASHM
Jessica.Michaels@ashm.org.au



taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19



Acknowledgements: Members of the Taskforce

MS Alison Coelho
Dr Christopher Lemoh
Ms Lisa Bastian
Ms Zihong Gu
Prof. Andrew Grulich
Prof. Mark Stoove
Mr Kevin Marriott
Prof. Benjamin Cowie
Dr Nicole Allard
Prof. Greg Dore
Dr Jessica Howell
Prof. Margaret Hellard
Mr Joseph Doyle
Prof. Jenny Hoy
Mr Adam Ehm
Mr Brian Price
Dr Darren Russell
Ms Jude Byrne
Ms Alison Cowell
Ms Lauren Foy

A/Prof. Kathy Petoumenos
Dr Mark Bloch
Dr Olga Vujovic
Mr John Rule
Prof. James Ward
Dr Vincent Cornelisse
Prof. Andrew Lloyd
Adj Assoc Prof. Kate Cherry
Dr Tony Rahman
Dr David Iser
Ms Jules Kim
Mr Adrian Booth
Ms Ruth Hennessy
Dr Michelle Giles
A/Prof. Edwina Wright
Dr David Baker
Adj Assoc Prof. Darryl O'Donnell
Ms Megan McAnally
Ms Tiffany Tran
Mr Martin Silveira

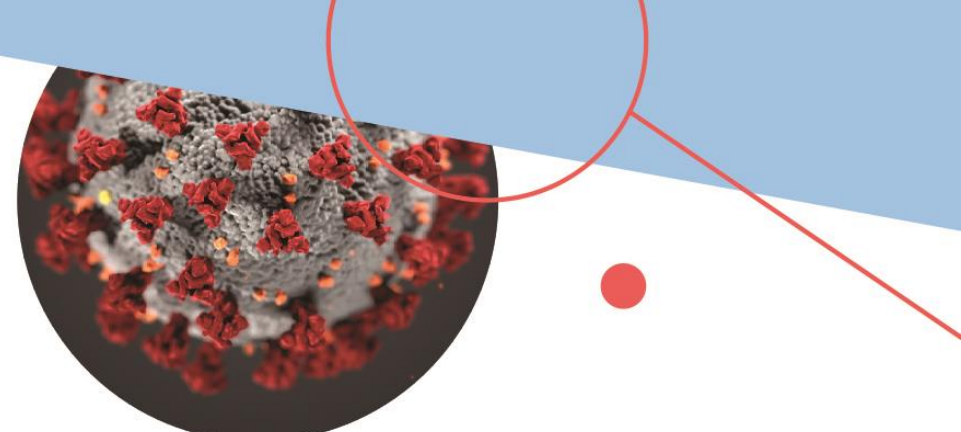
Dr Elizabeth Crock
Ms Penny Kenchington
Ms Alison Duncan
Mr Bruce Hamish Bowden
Prof. Carla Treloar
Dr James McMahon
Dr Anna McNulty
Dr Catriona Melville
Dr Christopher (Kit) Fairley
Dr Adam Jenney
Dr Nick Medland
Dr Julian Elliot
Prof. Sharon Lewin
Dr Martyn French
Dr Thomas Rasmussen
Ms Melanie Walker
Dr Belinda Wozencroft
Ms Natasha Miliotis
Ms Catherine Hangan
Ms Carrie Fowle

Prof Charles Gilks
Ms Joan Ingram
Dr Julia Scott
Ms Jacqui Richmond
Ms Nafisa Yussf
Ms Lauren Bradley
Dr Graham Brown
Dr Anne Robertson
Dr Anne Balcombe
Dr Thao Lam
Ms Jana Van Der Jagt
Ms Gabrielle Bennett
Ms Marriane Black
Prof. Lisa Maher
Dr Stephen Bell
Ms Jen Johnson
Ms Sandy Davidson
Ms Justine Doidge (JD)
Dr Mitchell Smith
Ms Sally Watkinson

Ms Shannon Woodward
Mr Bradley Whitton
Mr William Hooke
Dr Jack Wallace
Ms Donna Tilley
Dr Anne Drake
Dr Shiraze Bulsara
Ms Katherine Coote
Ms Melissa Cromarty
A/Prof. Gail Matthews
Mr Kurt Andersson-Noorgard
Dr. Denise Cummins
Dr Dean Murphy
Ms Katy Roy
Dr Deborah Bateson
Ms Claire Bekema
Mr Vihung Kapadia
Ms Michelle Tobin
Ms Leanne Myers
Mr Adam Ehm
Mr Joe Rich



taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19



Taskforce in Context

taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19


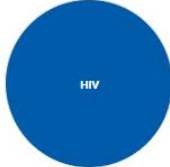
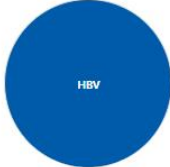

ASHM COVID-19 taskforce on HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and Sexual health

UPDATED ON: 28 April 2020.

ASHM's Taskforce on BBVs, Sexual Health and COVID-19 was established on 20 March 2020. It provides a timely opportunity for the BBV and sexual health sectors to discuss the scientific, clinical, BBV and sexual health service delivery and social implications of COVID-19, and provides consistent and evidence-based messaging to the health workforce, sector partners and community.

Below you can find the various outputs of the taskforce, information about its structure and membership and links to ASHM and external resources in the context of COVID-19. Bulletins from the Taskforce are issued fortnightly on Thursdays, as well as urgent updates when deemed relevant to the sector. If you want to provide feedback or have any questions regarding the Taskforce please email taskforce@ashm.org.au.

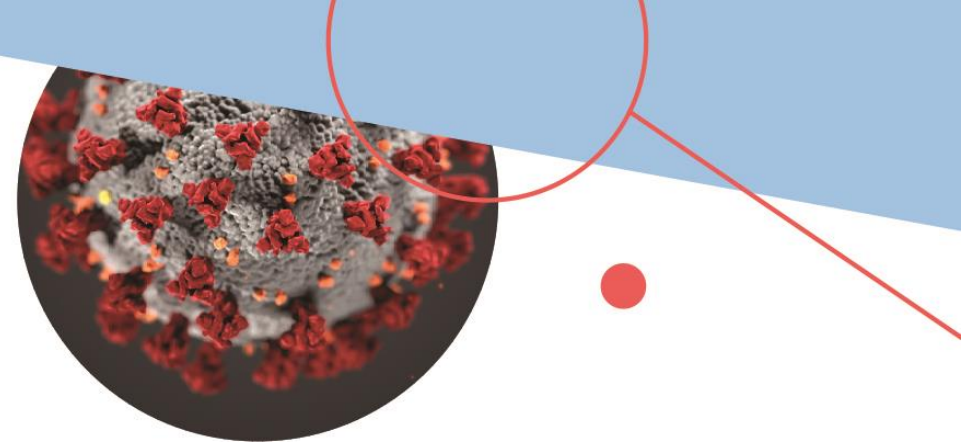
Latest guidance from the Taskforce & Regional Advisory Group	Upcoming Webinars	Most accessed
12 October 2020 Telehealth through COVID-19	Transgender experiences of COVID-19 and access to health services across Asia Pacific More information	Registered COVID-19 COVID-19 studies in Australia and New Zealand Harm reduction approaches to casual sex during the COVID-19 pandemic COVID-19 Telehealth Survey Results



taskforce on bbvs

sexual health and covid-19

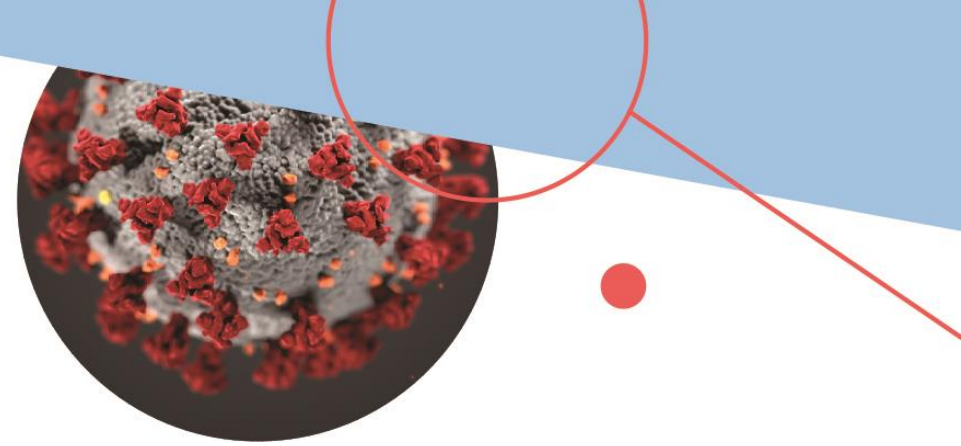


Inception

- Formed March 20th with A/Prof Edwina Wright and ASHM leadership
- Initial Expert Panel (to signal leading expert buy-in) assembled 24th March across key domains
- Active recruitment from 27th March to cluster working groups
- There are now 101 members of the Taskforce across 20 cluster groups



taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19



Cluster Working Groups

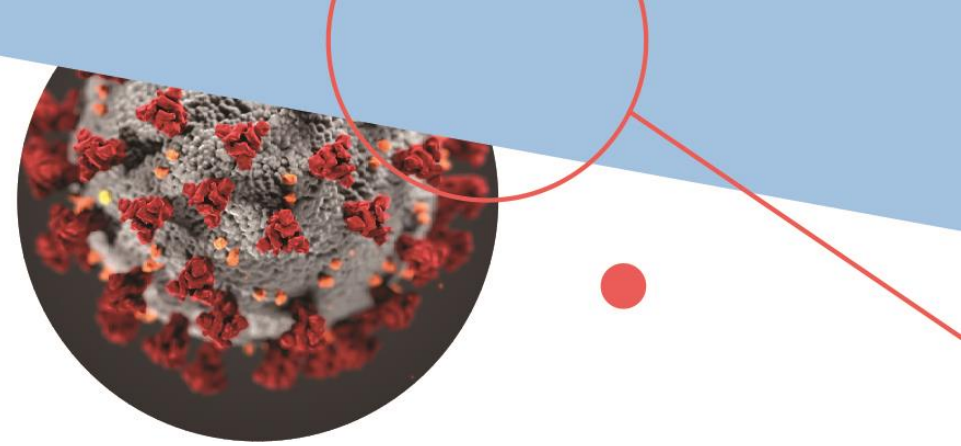
There are four main topic areas each with its own Cluster Group

Topic 1-3	Cluster Group
Science and Epidemiology	Virology COVID-19 Epidemiology
COVID-19 Natural History and Testing	Natural History Testing
Research and Understanding the Data Topic	Understanding the data Research studies in Australasia and overseas Understanding the data



taskforce on bbvs

sexual health and covid-19



Cluster Working Groups

Topic 4	Cluster Groups
Clinical Care	Infection control Practice management HIV HBV HCV Sexual Health Indigenous Health Nursing Pharmacy People who use drugs homeless and outreach populations Sex workers CALD and Migrant populations Justice Health Mental Health

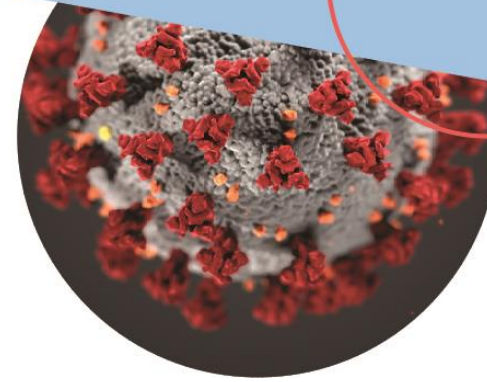


taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19

Taskforce Demographics

Location	
QLD	8
NSW	40
ACT	6
SA	3
VIC	36
WA	4
TAS	1 (support from VIC)

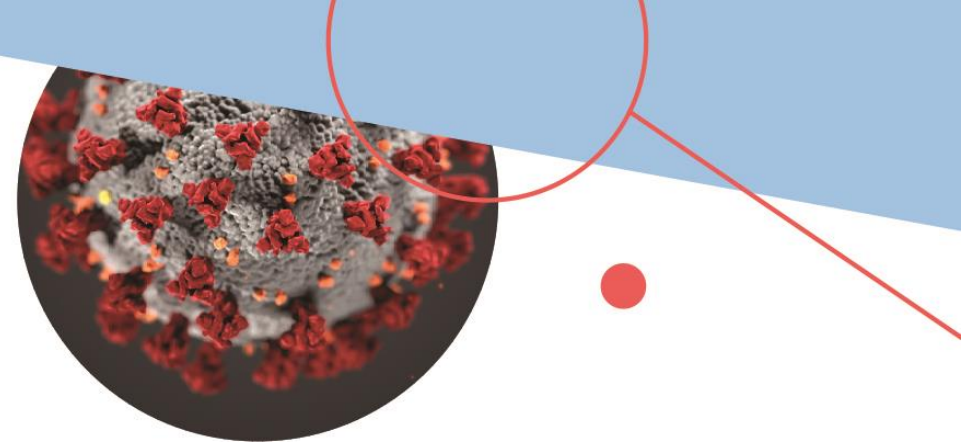
New Zealand	SIG
Auckland	2
Palmerston	1
Wellington	1





taskforce on bbvs

sexual health and covid-19



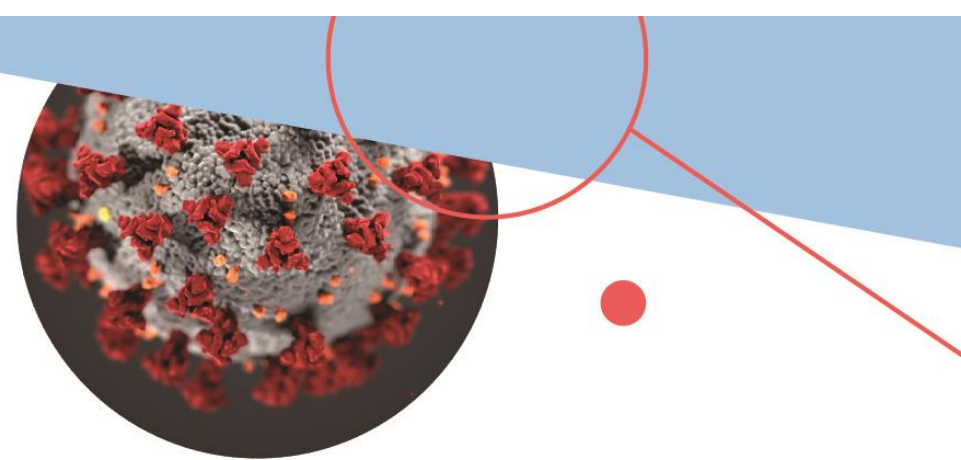
Aims & Objectives

- Taskforce aims are to provide healthcare workers in the BBV and Sexual Health sectors with timely and high-quality evidence and guidance on the
 - scientific,
 - clinical,
 - treatment and prevention and
 - research

aspects of COVID-19 in relation to their patient populations living with or at risk of BBVS and people in need of sexual health care.



taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19

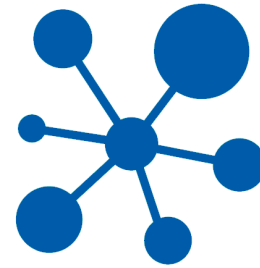


Taskforce Outputs

➤ Guidance documents



➤ Website



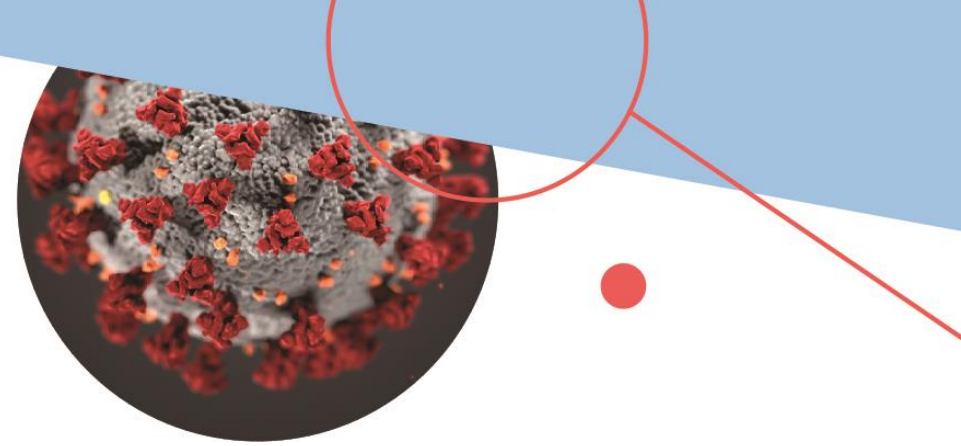
➤ Communication

➤ Webinars

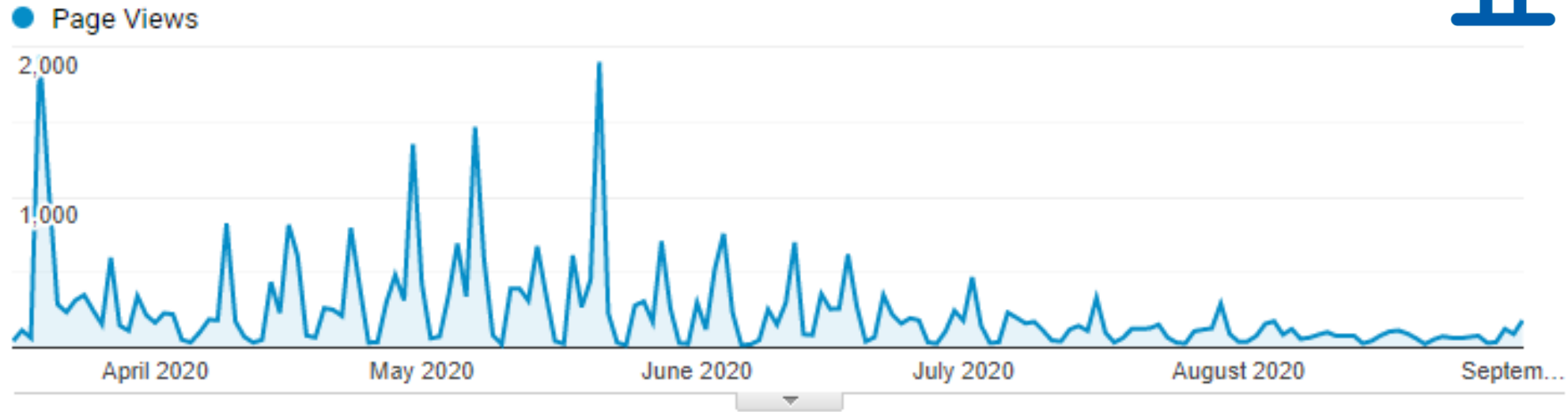




taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19

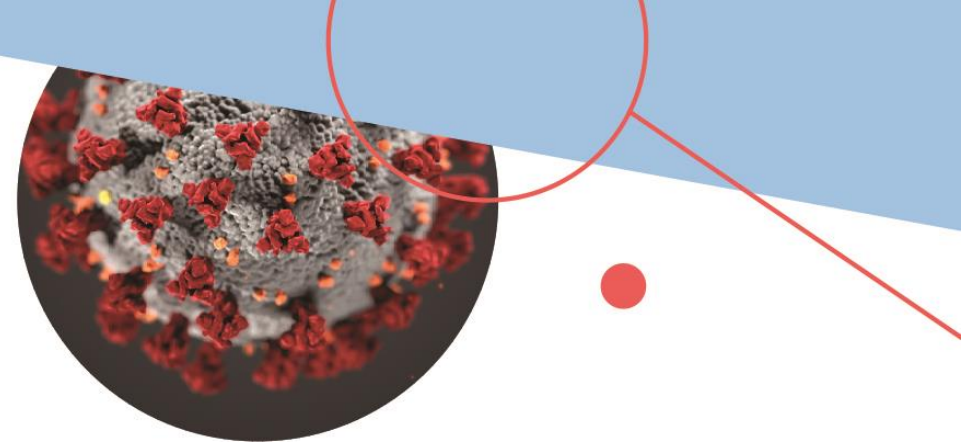


Taskforce Outputs: Website





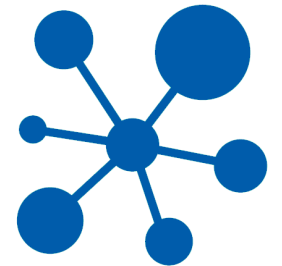
taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19



Taskforce Outputs: Communications

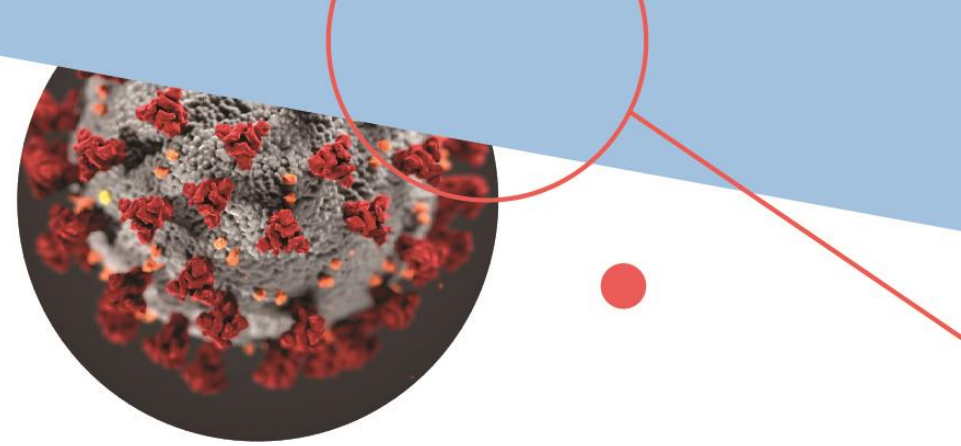


- Weekly email to Cluster Groups
- Weekly input survey





taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19

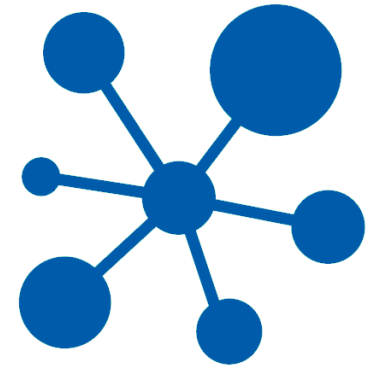


Taskforce Outputs: Communications

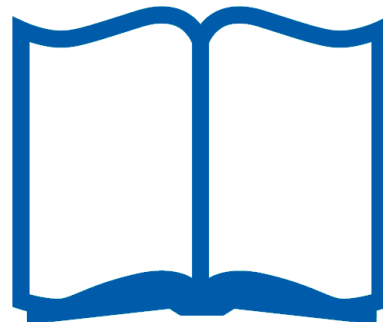
➤ Social media



➤ Sector briefing documents



➤ Media uptake

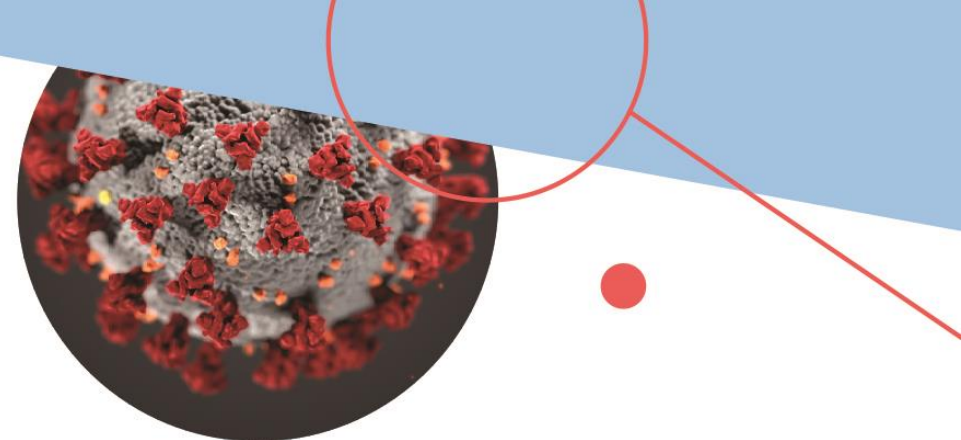




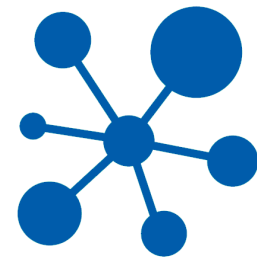
taskforce on bbvs

sexual health and covid-19

Bulletin Number	Distribution	Number of opens	Number of clicks
Advisory for PLHIV, 13 March2020	25,864	12,097	1,500
Bulletin #1 02.04.2020	25,932	14,863	2,230
Bulletin #2 09.04.2020	25,979	11,096	1,661
Bulletin #3 16.04.2020	25,618	10,726	1,405
Bulletin #4 23.04.2020	26,094	9,357	13,736
Bulletin #5 30.04.2020	25,980	8,572	5,067
Bulletin #6 07.05.2020	26,024	9,812	17,675
Bulletin #7 14.05.2020	12,209	7,557	15,328
Bulletin #8 21.05.2020	12,209	7,557	15,328
Bulletin #9 28.05.2020	12,140	7,879	19,345
Bulletin #10 04.06.2020	11,911	7,333	31,150
Bulletin #11 18.06.2020	11,900	7,200	22,342
Bulletin #12 02.07.2020	11,870	6,731	24,940
Bulletin #13 16.07.2020	11,487	6,650	15,413
Bulletin #14 30.07.2020	11,440	6,426	16,604
TOTAL	264,448	126,319	188,456



Taskforce Outputs: Bulletin

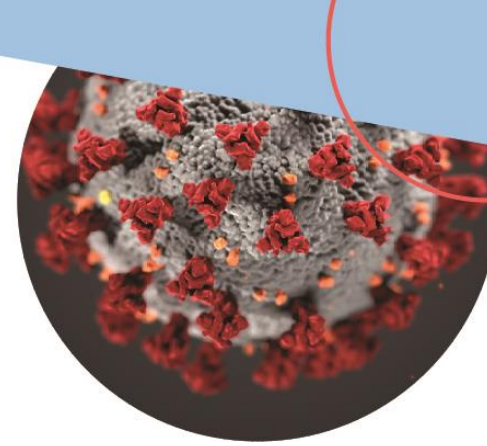




taskforce on bbvs

sexual health and covid-19

1. [Interim Recommendations regarding COVID-19 and adults living with HIV](#)
2. [Interim Recommendations regarding COVID-19 and adults living with chronic hepatitis B](#)
3. [Interim Recommendations regarding COVID-19 and adults living with hepatitis C infection, or with the complications of previous hepatitis C](#)
4. [People who are incarcerated in Criminal Justice Settings during the COVID-19 pandemic including those who are living with HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C – updated 30 July 2020](#)
5. [People Living in Immigration Detention Centres, People with Temporary Visas and Undocumented Workers Living in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic -ASHM COVID-19 Taskforce Recommendations](#)
6. [The adaptive immune response to COVID-19 infection](#)
7. [Supporting mental health and wellbeing through COVID-19 - A psychological first aid approach for the busy provider](#)
8. [Supporting mental health and wellbeing through COVID-19: Support for the health workforce](#)
9. [Guidance to PrEP prescribers regarding the delisting of Truvada® from the PBS](#)
10. [COVID-19 Telehealth Survey Results](#)
11. [The Indigenous Health Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic - Situational report](#)
12. [Harm reduction approaches to casual sex during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
13. Planned and registered COVID-19 treatment and prevention studies and COVID-19 registries in Australia and New Zealand - ASHM COVID-19 Taskforce interim update originally published on 23 April 2020 in Bulletin 4
14. [Summary of COVID-19 clinical trials in Australia, including eligibility criteria regarding people living with BBVs – updated 31 May 2020](#)
15. [Women's health and COVID-19](#)
16. [Responding to Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence during COVID-19](#)

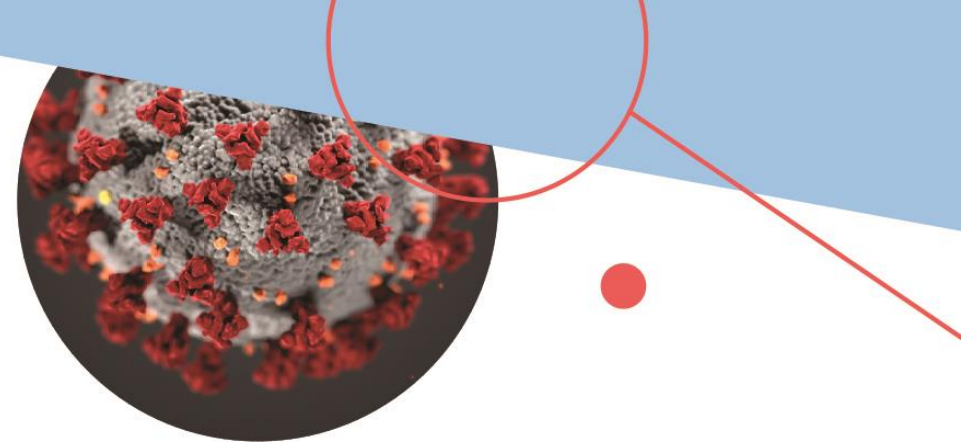


Taskforce Outputs:

- Guidance documents



taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19



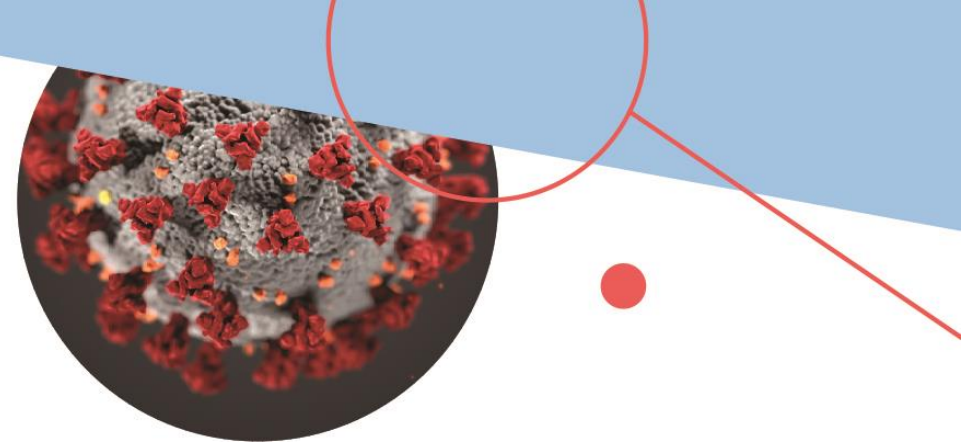
Taskforce Outputs: Webinars

Webinar	Date	Registrations	Attendees (% of registrants)	Post Views to 1 September 2020	Post View Complete	% viewed (minutes viewed)	Surveys completed (% of attendees)
COVID-19 BBV and STI Sector Briefing	19 March			2431	267	44%	N/A
Psychosocial Effects of the Pandemic	29 April		173	97	8	27% (176 mins)	20 (11.5%)
Overview of ASHM COVID-19 Taskforce Interim recommendations regarding COVID-19 and people living with HIV, HBV or HCV	6 May	57	56 (98%)	96 (168%)	4	28% (17 mins)	15 (27%)
Mental Health and wellbeing through COVID-19: Support for the Health Workforce,	13 May	136	73 (54%)	55 (40%)	1	25% (15 mins)	30 (41%)
Update on the basic science, treatment and clinical trials and lived experience of COVID-19	27 May	95	67 (70%)	49 (45%)	7	62% (37 mins)	23 (34%)
The Indigenous Health Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic	3 June	76	74 (97%)	55 (72%)	4	39% (23 mins)	17 (23%)
The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic upon the research workforce, innovation and health outcomes in Australia	10 June	35	34 (97%)	22 (63%)	2	37% (22 mins)	7 (21%)
Responding to COVID-19: 3 months in – what now and where are we headed?	17 June	178	125 (70%)	45 (25%)	5	50% (30 mins)	24 (19%)
Business as usual: Sex Work in the COVID-19 Environment	24 June	86	50 (58%)	83 (96%)	4	39% (23mins)	11 (22%)





taskforce on bbvs
sexual health and covid-19



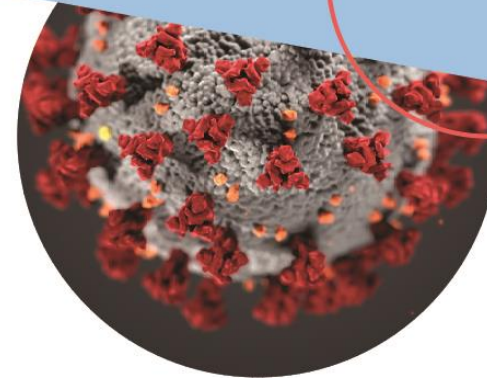
Taskforce Outputs: Webinar Satisfaction



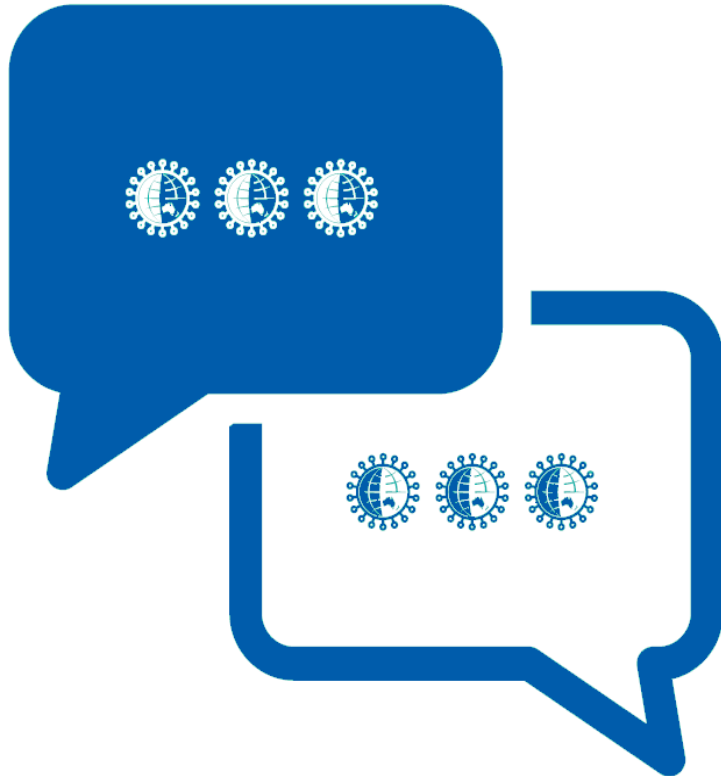


taskforce on bbvs

sexual health and covid-19



Taskforce: What next?

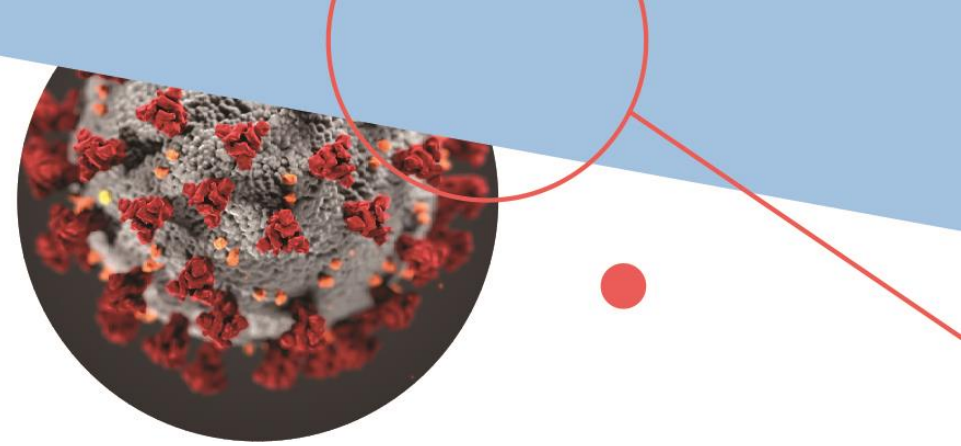


- Updates to existing guidance as more is learned about the effects of COVID-19
- New and emerging treatment
- Vaccine development, data, efficacy
- Coping with outbreaks/second or third waves and the effects this may have on our sector communities



taskforce on bbvs

sexual health and covid-19



For more information:

<https://ashm.org.au/covid-19/>

Contact the Taskforce:

taskforce@ashm.org.au