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BC's digital STBBI testing service – *GetCheckedOnline* – is improving access to testing for some, but not all, equity-owed groups where it is available outside of Vancouver

Why is this important?

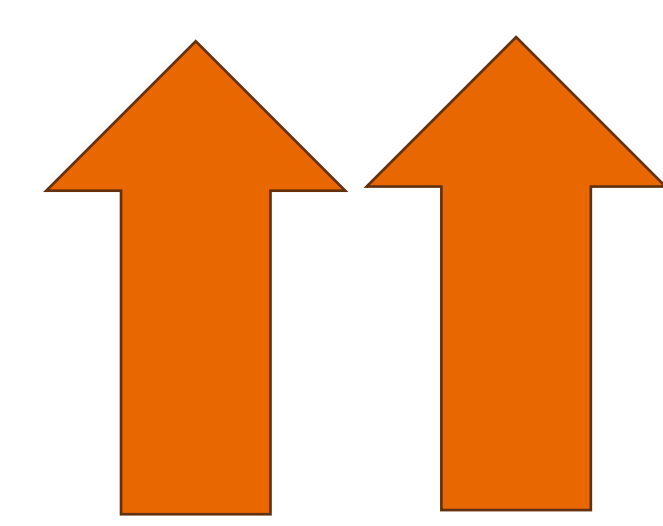
Digital interventions for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBI) testing might replicate or create new inequities in access. While GetCheckedOnline (GCO) – a digital service for STBBI testing in British Columbia (BC) – has been shown to improve testing access in the province, assessing the equity of its outcomes is essential to ensure service appropriateness and accessibility.

What did we do?

During the summer of 2022, we conducted an online and in-person survey in communities where GCO has expanded outside of Vancouver. We evaluated differences in awareness and use according to age, race/ethnicity, gender and sexual identities, educational attainment, and income.

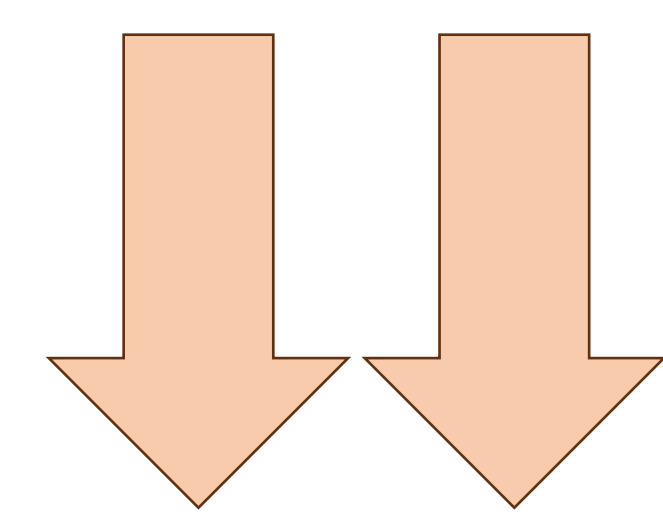
What did we find?

We recruited a sample of 1,658 individuals. We observed high participation of individuals from groups known to experience increased barriers to accessing STBBI testing (for example, 2S/LGBTQIA+ and Indigenous people).



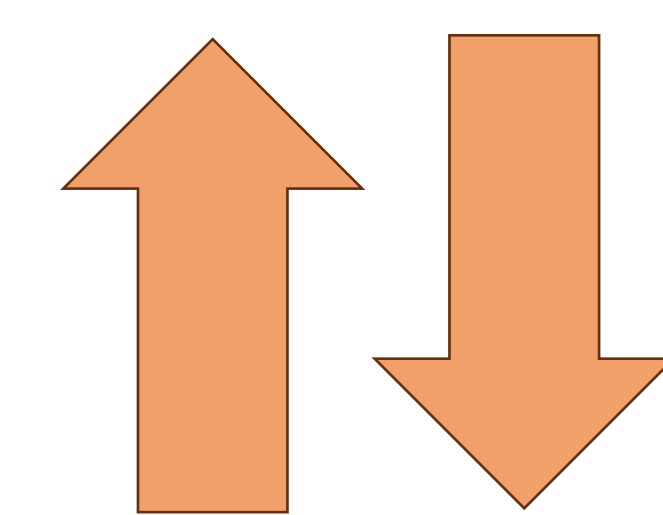
More likely to have known/used GCO were:

- People of Colour
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and other non-heterosexual people
- Transgender people



Less likely to have known/used GCO were those:

- Younger than 25 or older than 38 years of age
- With an annual income <\$20,000



We found mixed results in some comparisons:

- Indigenous people were more likely to have known GCO than those only identifying as White, but not more likely to use it.
- Women had similar awareness of GCO as men but were less likely to use it.

A health equity analysis of awareness and use of GetCheckedOnline in communities outside Vancouver, BC

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