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For immediate release: ECRL Supports Community Well-Being

Public libraries across the province have increased public health resources in recent years, most notably through COVID-19 test distribution during the pandemic. The library's capacity to support community well-being continues to expand. ECRL wants to announce that it now offers HIV self-test kits at all ECRL library locations.

Community Well-Being & Public Health Initiatives at ECRL

ECRL provides **free** access to the following resources at all branch locations:

- COVID tests
- Menstrual, incontinence, and diaper products
- Food security resources, including seed libraries
- **NEW!** HIV self-test kits

Community Well-Being & Public Health Initiatives Sustainability

Community Well-Being & Public Health initiatives at ECRL are funded through grants and other one-time funding opportunities through the provincial government. ECRL strives to ensure equitable access to services across its service area, including to well-being and public health resources. Clair Rankin, ECRL Board Chair, said, "It's tremendous the province has been able to provide funding so that public libraries can make an even greater positive impact in these new ways. I know library staff are proud to be part of these efforts for their communities."

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For more information on Community Well-Being & Public Health Initiatives at ECRL, visit:

www.ecrl.ca/about-us/community-wellbeing

Our Service Locations

Canso | Chéticamp | Guysborough | Mabou | Margaree Forks | Mulgrave | Petit de Grat | Port Hawkesbury | Sherbrooke | St. Peter's