

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE HIV TEST FORM

- This form is designed to be read by an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) scanner. The legibility of this form depends on the quality of the hand-written and selected information.
- Carefully separate the sheets at the perforations. If the form tears, it may not be readable by the scanner or operator.
- Each part has a top sheet and a bottom carbonless copy. The top copy (white) is the only sheet that should be scanned. The bottom copy (yellow) should **NOT** be scanned; rather it should be used for record keeping purposes.
- **DO NOT** use red ink. Blue or black ink is preferred.
- **DO NOT** fold, staple, wrinkle or tear form(s).
- **DO NOT USE WHITE OUT.** White out sometimes will cause a mis-read by the scanning software.
- **DO NOT** mark on the bar codes of the Form ID numbers. Marking on the Form ID numbers (barcode) may cause the wrong number to be scanned.
- **DO NOT** make any stray marks on the form(s), particularly in the fields where answers will appear.
- Part 1 is the only form with a pre-printed code. You must attach a form identification sticker (barcode) located on the back of the carbonless copy (yellow) to Part 2 and/or Part 3 in order to link a client's information.
  - Part 1 should be used for all testing events
  - Part 2 should be used to record referral data on **confirmed HIV positive** clients
  - Part 3 is used by jurisdictions funded to collect HIV Incidence data.

### RESPONSE FORMATS

There are three different response formats on the form that you will use to record data: (1) text boxes, (2) check boxes, and (3) radio buttons. Instructions for each one of these formats are listed below.

#### Text boxes

Text boxes are used to record handwritten information (e.g., codes, dates). When writing letters or numbers in the boxes:

- use all capital letters and write neatly in your best penmanship. **DO NOT** use cursive.
- put only 1 letter or number per box and **DO NOT** have any part of the letter or number touch the edges of the box.

Here are examples of how to write letters and numbers:

#### LETTERS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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#### NUMBERS

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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#### Check boxes

Check boxes are used to select all options that apply. For example, check boxes are used to record information about "Race."

- use an "X" instead of a check mark because the tail of the check mark might run over into another box.
- keep the "X" within the edges of the box.

#### Radio buttons

Radio buttons are ovals used to select only one option from among two or more options. For example, radio buttons are used to select "Current Gender." When selecting an option using a radio button:

- fill in the oval completely.
- **DO NOT** mark over area of the oval.