

Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness

The impact donations can have

- One organ donor can save up to eight lives and one tissue donor can enhance the lives of 75 people.
- There are approximately 90 Saskatchewan residents waiting for a kidney transplant and another 130 waiting for a cornea transplant. On average, 40 Saskatchewan patients are added to the kidney waitlist annually. In 2018, 42 kidney transplants and 34 cornea transplants were performed in Saskatchewan.
- Saskatchewan's donation rates are below the national average, but are slowly increasing.
- The Saskatchewan government is committed to enhancing the organ and tissue donation system and improving donation rates.

Steps you can take today

Until the organ and tissue donor registry is available, Saskatchewan residents can:

- Talk to your family about your decision to be a donor, so they can support your wishes.
- Attach an Organ and Tissue Donor sticker to your Saskatchewan Health Card and sign the Intention to Donate form (available from the Saskatchewan Health Authority's Donor Program, or phone eHealth Saskatchewan: 1-800-667-7551).

Green Shirt Day

To provide official recognition of the efforts by Logan Boulet's family and partner organizations, the Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed April 7th to be Green Shirt Day. Schools and workplaces are encouraged to recognize the day on Monday, April 8th.

For more **Green Shirt Day** information, see <https://greenshirtday.ca/> Look in the Be Inspired section for posters and other materials.

Upcoming Events

#BeADonorSask - Watch for our awareness campaign showing the positive impact on three organ transplant recipients and their families.

#NOTDAW – During National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week April 21-27, look for more stories about the continued need for organ and tissue donations, and how you can help. On April 24th, buildings in several Saskatchewan cities will shine for **Light It Green Day**.

Find more information at www.saskatchewan.ca/organ-donation

#GreenShirtDay

#LoganBouletEffect

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