Hepatitis C and Related Resources in Massachusetts

Needle Exchange / Syringe Services Programs

In addition to the exchange of new syringes for used ones, needle exchange programs offer referrals to substance use treatment, HIV, HCV, and STD testing, and other harm reduction services.

**AIDS Action Committee**
Cambridge: 617-599-0246

**AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod**
Provincetown: 508-487-8311

**AIDS Project Worcester**
Worcester: 508-755-3773

**Berkshire Medical Center – Healthy Steps**
Pittsfield: 413-447-2654

**Boston Public Health Commission (AHOPE)**
Boston: 617-534-3976 (drop-in center)

**Brockton Area Multi Services**
Brockton: 508-583-3405

**Greater Lawrence Family Health Center**
Lawrence: 978-685-7663

**Health Innovations - Healthy Streets**
Lynn: 339-440-5633
Chelsea: 339-440-5633

**Lynn Community Health Center**
Lynn (Confidential #): 781-715-6237
Lynn (General #): 781-581-3900

**North Shore Health Project**
Gloucester: 978-283-0101

**Seven Hills Behavioral Health**
508-996-0546, 508-235-1012, or 508-523-6262 for the following sites: Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, New Bedford, Taunton, Wareham

**Stanley Street Treatment and Resources (SSTAR)**
Fall River: 508-324-3561

**Tapestry Health**
Greenfield: 413-221-7722 (cell)
Holyoke: 413-315-3732 x 1
Northampton: 413-586-0310
North Adams: 413-398-5603

Proper Disposal of Sharps and Syringes

The passage of M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 127A allows for the purchase and possession of syringes and needles from a pharmacy without a prescription. It also calls for the safe and responsible disposal of sharps and syringes.

There are many syringe disposal sites across the Commonwealth. Information on safe disposal and a list of disposal sites is located at [www.mass.gov/dph/aids/needles-syringes](http://www.mass.gov/dph/aids/needles-syringes).
Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution Programs

Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) programs offer counseling and referrals to substance abuse treatment for all participants who are using opioids. These programs train opioid users, their families, and their friends on how to prevent and recognize an overdose and what to do if one occurs. For more information, visit [www.mass.gov/dph/bsas](http://www.mass.gov/dph/bsas) or [www.mass.gov/opiods](http://www.mass.gov/opiods).

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Chapter 192 of the Acts of 2012, known as “Melissa’s Law” and “Crime Bill,” ensures that a person who experiences a drug-related overdose and is in need of medical assistance, and in good faith, seeks such medical assistance, or is the subject of such a good faith request for medical assistance, shall not be charged or prosecuted for possession of a controlled substance.
Hepatitis C Testing Programs

Primary care doctors and community health centers offer hepatitis C, HIV, and STD testing as well as vaccinations for hepatitis A and hepatitis B. If you don’t have a doctor, you can get tested at one of the following community testing programs.

Greater Boston Region Testing Sites

AIDS Action Committee
Boston:  617-437-6200
Cambridge 617-661-3040
English, Spanish

Boston Happens
Boston (Children’s Hospital): 617-355-2735
Boston (Martha Eliot Health Center): 617-971-7829
English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Boston Health Care for the Homeless
Boston:  857-654-1641
English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Boston Medical Center
Boston:  617-414-4290
English, interpreters available for other languages

Boston Public Health Commission (AHOPE)
Boston:  617-534-3976 (drop in)
English, Spanish

Cambridge Health Alliance
Cambridge/Somerville/Malden/Everett:  617-591-6767
English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese

Codman Square Health Center
Dorchester:  617-822-8350
English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Dimock Community Health Center
Roxbury:  617-442-8800
English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, interpreters available for other languages

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center
East Boston:  617-568-4490
English, Spanish, Portuguese, interpreters available for other languages

Fenway Health
Boston:  617-927-6227
English, Spanish, interpreters available for other languages

Health Innovations – Healthy Streets
Lynn:  339-440-5633
Chelsea:  339-440-5633
English, Spanish

Justice Resource Institute
Boston (Boston Glass):  857-399-1920
Boston (BAGLY):  617-227-8378
Framingham (RISE):  508-935-2960
English, Spanish

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers - MAPS
Boston (Brighton):  617-787-0557
Somerville:  617-764-2091
Dorchester:  617-825-5897
Framingham:  508-872-2652
English, Spanish, Portuguese

Massachusetts General Hospital*STD/GID Clinic
Boston:  617-724-1864
English, Spanish, interpreters available for other languages

Mattapan Community Health Center
Boston:  617-898-9005
English, Spanish, Haitian Creole
Multicultural AIDS Coalition  
Boston:  617-442-1622  
Roxbury:  617-541-1050 (Women of Color AIDS Council)  
*English, Spanish*

Victory Programs  
Boston:   617-927-0836  
*English, Spanish*

**Northeast Region Testing Sites**

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center  
Lawrence:  978-685-7663  
*English, Spanish, interpreters available for other languages*

Lynn Community Health Center  
Lynn:  781-581-3900  
*English, Spanish, interpreters available for other languages*

Health Innovations – Healthy Streets  
Lynn:  339-440-5633  
Chelsea:  339-440-5633  
*English, Spanish*

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers - MAPS*  
Lowell:  978-970-1256  
Framingham:  508-872-2652  
*English, Spanish, Portuguese*

Lowell Community Health Center  
Lowell:  978-937-9700  
*English, Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer, interpreters available for other languages*

North Shore Health Project  
Gloucester:  978-283-0101  
*English, Spanish*

**Central Region Testing Sites**

AIDS Project Worcester  
Worcester:  508-755-3773  
*English, Spanish*

Edward M. Kennedy Health Center  
Worcester:  800-853-2288  
*English, Spanish, Portuguese*

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers - MAPS  
Boston (Brighton):  617-787-0557  
Somerville:  617-764-2091  
Dorchester:  617-825-5897  
Framingham:  508-872-2652  
*English, Spanish, Portuguese*

Family Health Center of Worcester  
Worcester:  508-860-7930  
*Albanian, Arabic, French, Nepalese, Portuguese, Vietnamese*

**Southeast Region Testing Sites**

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod  
Hyannis:  508-778-1954  
Falmouth:  774-763-6656  
Provincetown:  508-487-8311  
*English*

Brockton Area Multi-Services (BAMSI)  
Brockton (C.O.P.E. Center):  508-583-3405  
*English, Spanish*
Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
Brockton: 508-894-3566
English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole

Cape Cod Hospital/IDCS
Hyannis: 508-862-5639
English, Spanish, French, Portuguese

Greater New Bedford Community Health Center
New Bedford: 508-992-6553 x299, x131
English, Spanish, Portuguese

Health Imperatives
Plymouth: 508-367-1963
Hyannis: 508-771-8010
Martha’s Vineyard: 508:367-1963
Nantucket: 508-228-9189
Wareham: 508-367-1963
English, Spanish, French, Portuguese

Manet Community Health Center
Quincy/Weymouth: 857-939-4108
English, Chinese

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English, Spanish, Portuguese

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Fall River: 508-324-3561
English, Spanish, Portuguese

Western Region Testing Sites

Baystate Medical Center
Springfield (Brightwood): 413-794-4458
Springfield (Mason Square): 413-794-8723
Springfield (High Street): 413-794-0811
English, Spanish, interpreters available for other languages

Berkshire Medical Center
Pittsfield: 413-447-2654
English

Caring Health Center
Springfield: 413-739-1100
English, Spanish

Holyoke Health Center
Holyoke: 413-420-2255
Chicopee: 413-420-2256 (by appointment only)
English, Spanish

Tapestry Health
Greenfield: 413-773-8888
Holyoke: 413-315-3732 x1
North Adams: 413-398-5603
Northampton (SSP): 413-586-0310
Pittsfield: 413-443-2844
Springfield (La Voz): 413-363-9472
English, Spanish
Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Resources

Massachusetts Department of Public Health
617-624-6000
www.mass.gov/dph

MDPH Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
617-624-5111
www.mass.gov/dph/bsas

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Information and Education Helpline
800-327-5050
www.HelplineMA.org

Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse
www.massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us

MDPH Division of Epidemiology and Immunization - Viral Hepatitis Program
617-983-6800
www.mass.gov/hepc
www.mass.gov/dph/epi
www.mass.gov/dph/imm

MDPH Division of STD Prevention
866-749-7122 or 617-983-6940
www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/std

MDPH Office of HIV/AIDS
617-624-5300
www.mass.gov/dph/aids

Other Resources

American College of Gastroenterology
http://patients.gi.org/

American Liver Foundation
800-465-4837
www.hepc.liverfoundation.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis

Hepatitis C Support Project
www.hcvadvocate.org

Hepatitis Foundation International
800-891-0707
http://www.hepfi.org/HEPATITIS/Hepatitis-C.html

National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine Clearinghouse
https://nccih.nih.gov/

National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney Diseases
www.niddk.nih.gov

National Institute of Health
www.nih.gov

Self-Help and Advocacy Resources:

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
www.aa.org

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
www.na.org

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program Info
www.HelplineMA.org

Learn To Cope (for families/friends)
www.learn2cope.org