

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: 781-592-0243

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: 413-586-0310

Holyoke: 413-586-0310

Northampton: 413-586-0310

North Adams: 413-586-0310

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.

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 or www.mass.gov/opioids.

AIDS Action Committee

Boston and Cambridge: 617-437-6200

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod

Falmouth: 774-763-6656

Hyannis: 508-778-1954

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 Needle Exchange)

Boston: 617-534-3976 or 617-534-3967

Brockton Area Multi-Services

Brockton: 508-583-3405

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center

Lawrence: 978-685-7663

Health Innovations – Healthy Streets

Lynn: 781-592-0243

English, Spanish

Holyoke Health Center

Holyoke: 413-420-2897

Justice Resource Institute

Framingham (RISE): 508-935-2960

Lowell Community Health Center

Lowell: 978-322-8657

Lowell House

Lowell: 978-459-8656

Manet Community Health Center

Quincy: 857-939-4108

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

Tapestry Health

Greenfield: 413-773-8888

Holyoke: 413-315-3732 x 1

Northampton: 413-586-0310

Springfield: 413-363-9472

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 Health Care for the Homeless

Boston: 857-654-1641

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Boston Medical Center

Boston: 617-414-4290

English, interpreters for other languages

Boston Public Health Commission

(AHOPE Needle Exchange)

Boston: 617-534-3976 (drop in)

English, Spanish

Cambridge Health Alliance

Cambridge, Somerville: 617-591-6767

Malden, Everett: 617-591-6767

HIV Primary Care: 617-655-1606

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese

Children's Hospital - Boston Happens and

Martha Eliot Community Health Center

Boston (Boston Happens): 617-355-2735

Boston (Martha Eliot): 617-971-7829

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Codman Square Health Center

Dorchester: 617-822-8350

English, Spanish, Creole

The Dimock Center

Roxbury: 617-442-8800

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, interpreters for other languages

Family Health Center of Worcester

Worcester: 508-860-7930

Fenway Health

Boston: 617-927-6227

English, Spanish, interpreters for other languages

Justice Resource Institute

Boston (Boston Glass): 857-399-1920

Framingham (RISE): 508-935-2960

English, Spanish, Portuguese

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

Brighton: 617-787-0557

Dorchester: 617-825-5897

Somerville: 617-764-2091

English, Spanish, Portuguese

Massachusetts General Hospital

Boston: 617-726-2748

English, interpreters 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

English, Spanish

Northeast Region Testing Sites

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center

Lawrence: 978-685-7663

English, Spanish, interpreters for other languages

Health Innovations – Healthy Streets

Lynn: 781-592-0243

English, Spanish

Lowell Community Health Center

Lowell: 978-937-9700

English, Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer, interpreters for other languages

Lynn Community Health Center

Lynn: 781-581-3900

English, Spanish, interpreters for other languages

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)

Framingham: 508-872-2652

Lowell: 978-970-1256

North Shore Health Project

Gloucester: 978-283-0101

Central Region Testing Sites

AIDS Project Worcester

Worcester: 508-755-3773

English, Spanish

Family Health Center of Worcester

Worcester: 508-860-7700

Albanian, Arabic, French, Nepalese, Portuguese, Vietnamese

Edward M. Kennedy Health Center

Worcester: 1-800-853-2288

English, Spanish, Portuguese

Southeast Region Testing Sites

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod

Falmouth: 774-763-6656

Hyannis: 508-778-1954

Provincetown: 508-487-8311

English

Brockton Neighborhood Health Center

Brockton: 508-894-3566

English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole

Brockton Area Multi-Services (BAMSI)

Brockton (C.O.P.E. Center): 508-583-3405

English, Spanish

Cape Cod Hospital/IDCS

Hyannis: 508-862-5650

English, Spanish, French, Portuguese

Greater New Bedford Community Health Ctr.

New Bedford: 508-992-6553 x299 or x131

English, Spanish, Portuguese

Health Imperatives – Family Planning

Hyannis: 508-771-8010

Martha's Vineyard: 508-771- 8010

Nantucket: 508-228-9189

Plymouth: 508-746-8353

Wareham: 508-367-1963

English, Spanish, Portuguese

Manet Community Health Center

Quincy: 857-939-4108

Weymouth: 857-939-4108

English, Chinese

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508-523-6262 for the following sites:

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New Bedford, Taunton, Wareham

English, Portuguese, Spanish

Stanley Street Resource and Treatment (SSTAR)

Fall River: 508-324-3561

English, Spanish, Portuguese

Western Region Testing Sites**Baystate Medical Center**

Springfield (Brightwood): 413-794-8725

Springfield (High Street): 413-794-2045

Springfield (Mason Square): 413-794-8723

English, Spanish, interpreters for other languages

Berkshire Medical Center – Healthy Steps

Pittsfield: 413-447-2654

English, interpreters for other languages

Caring Health Center

Springfield: 413-739-1100

English, Spanish

Holyoke Health Center

Holyoke: 413-420-2255

Chicopee: 413-420-2256

English, Spanish

New North Citizen's Council

Springfield (Prevention Center): 413-205-1231

Springfield (Drop In Center): 413-747-5755

Tapestry Health

Greenfield: 413-773-8888

Holyoke: 413-315-3732

Northampton: 413-586-0310

North Adams: 413-398-5603

Pittsfield: 413-443-2844

Springfield: 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.maclearinghouse.org

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
www.hepfi.org

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