**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.

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**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 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

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**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*

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**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, 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

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
English, Portuguese, Spanish

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

Stanley Street Resource and Treatment (SSTAR)
Fall River: 508-324-3561
English, Spanish, Portuguese
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

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/

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

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