



HIV/STI & Syringe Exchange Program Update

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Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.





Harm Reduction Background

- Harm reduction aims to reduce negative consequences associated with behaviors.
- Provide safe, non-judgmental services and referrals.
- Build trusting relationships.

Washington County Conducted HIV/STI Testing (Pre-COVID)

- Walk-in clinics in Beaverton & Hillsboro
- Syringe exchange
- Outreach testing



Syringe Exchange (Pre-COVID)

- Two sites once/week in Hillsboro
- Distribute sterile injection supplies & naloxone
- Rapid HIV/HCV testing







COVID Impacts (March 2020)

Washington County Conducted HIV/STI Testing

- Temporarily halted all HIV/STI clinical testing
- Re-opened Hillsboro site by appointment in August 2020



COVID Impacts (March 2020)

- Syringe Exchange
- One syringe exchange site closed
- Temporarily halted rapid HIV testing
- Increased partnership with houseless service providers to distribute supplies.
- Partnership with 4D recovery drop-in center.

Confidential HIV/STI Testing

Thursdays—Hillsboro Clinic

9:30am-5pm—By appointment

Call 503-846-2972

266 W Main St

(Hatfield Govt Ctr MAX Station)

- No cost services for those eligible
- LGBTQ

Syringe Exchange

Wednesdays

Dairy Creek Park—Hillsboro

Walk-in 12-4pm

Behind Winco on SW Walnut St

(Small Parking Lot— Bus line #57)

- Must be at least 18
- Naloxone available



HIVAlliance

	# IN	# OUT	# Clearinghouse
Syringes			
Sharps Containers			
Harm Reduction Kits			
Condoms			
Wound Care Kits			

Interviewer initials:
Date:
Site:

WCPH Needle Exchange Intake

*This survey is anonymous and confidential - we won't ask your name.
Please be aware we can't guarantee privacy if someone is able to overhear our conversation. You can refuse to answer any questions and you can stop the survey at any time.*

Refused ID
 Repeat Client
 New Client
 Age (years): _____

Unique ID:

Date of birth (mm/dd/yy)	First two letters of the city you were born in	First two letters of last name

New Client Demographics

Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Trans - Male to Female
- Trans - Female to Male
- Non-binary

Race:

- Native American/Alaska Native
- Asian or Southeast Asian
- Native American/Pacific Islander
- Black or African-American
- White

Ethnicity:

- Latino or Hispanic
- Not Latino or Hispanic
- Other: _____
- Decline to answer

Syringe Exchange – Oct '19 – April '21



808 client encounters
(include repeats)



95,213 syringes
disposed



1,132 doses of
naloxone distributed



TOP REFERRALS

- HIV AND HEPATITIS C TESTING
- HOUSING AND SHELTER RESOURCES
- DETOX AND DRUG TREATMENT
- WOUND CARE
- HOW TO ENROLL IN HEALTH INSURANCE/OREGON HEALTH PLAN

Oregon's Good Samaritan Law

If someone is overdosing and they call for medical help, they cannot be arrested or prosecuted for:

- Possessing drugs or drug paraphernalia
- Being in a place where drugs are used
- Violating probation or parole because of drug use or possession
- Outstanding warrant because of drug use or possession

Syringe Exchange:

14 Reported reversals

85 kits given away



Planning Ahead

- Second weekly site in Washington County – Ideas on potential host sites?
- Enhanced street outreach to clients
- Develop stronger partnerships with CBOs



Harm Reduction Coalition

- CHIP subcommittee
- Organize CBOs to build capacity for harm reduction programs
- First steps:
 - Organize leadership team
 - Develop charter and workplan outline
 - Fall/winter 2021 launch (depending on capacity during COVID response)



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