

Help for people who use syringes



A syringe service program aims to help people who use syringes use them more safely. This helps reduce disease and pathogens such as HIV and viral hepatitis infections that can be spread by sharing needles.

EXAMPLES OF SERVICES

People who use syringes can use the following services and resources:

- HIV and hepatitis C prevention and testing.
- Education about preventing overdoses.
- Education on safer injection practices.
- Naloxone kits and training.
- Sterile syringes at no cost.
- Containers for safe disposal of syringes.
- Referrals to medical, mental and sexual health services.
- Referrals for substance abuse treatment and recovery support.

BENEFITS

These services help people who use syringes by reducing:

- Needle stick injuries.
- Drug overdose deaths.
- The spread of HIV and hepatitis C.
- The cost of infectious disease treatment.

And they make it more likely people will enter treatment.

LOCAL SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS

These organizations provide syringe services to area residents:

- Indigenous People's Task Force (IPTF).
- JustUs Health.
- Native American Community Clinic (NACC).
- NorthPoint Health and Wellness.
- Southside Harm Reduction.
- Ramsey County Clinic 555.
- Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN, Duluth).

For more information or help connecting with services, find the Minnesota Department of Health opioid dashboard at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/opioiddashboard>