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Washington Healthcare Providers Urged to Take Action to Help Prevent HIV

Actions Requested

- **Assess and evaluate** patients for HIV risk factors, especially injection drug use and at-risk sexual behavior., and test for HIV, HCV and syphilis as indicated.
- **Link all people** recently diagnosed or living with untreated HIV to care for full evaluation, follow-up, and prompt initiation of antiretroviral therapy. For more information call 877-276-9316 or [visit this link](#).
- **Offer HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)** to people who inject drugs and recommend PrEP initiation to people who inject drugs and/or who exchange sex. Please find attached a list of providers prescribing PrEP in Kitsap County.
- **Request support from Kitsap Public Health (KPHD)** for HIV partner notification and linkage to support services and insurance if needed.
- **Provide people who inject drugs with information** about [where to access](#) sterile injection equipment.
- **Provide [information about substance use treatment programs](#)**, including information about availability of medication assisted therapies, to patients interested in reducing or ceasing drug use.
- **Educate people who inject drugs** about the [availability of naloxone](#) to prevent overdose death.
- **Report new cases of HIV** infection to Kitsap Public Health by calling 360-728-2235.

For questions, please contact our Communicable Disease staff at 360-728-2235.

Background

An increase in newly diagnosed HIV infections among people who inject drugs in King County, WA has prompted the Washington State Department of Health to issue a health advisory requesting that health care providers throughout Washington State increase their HIV testing among patients reporting current or recent injection drug use. Early detection and treatment of acute HIV infection is essential to safeguard the health of people living with HIV and reduce forward transmission. Kitsap Public Health District has not seen a recent change in the incidence of HIV infection in Kitsap County.

Between 2017 and 2018, the number of new HIV diagnoses among heterosexuals who inject drugs in King County, Washington increased from 7 to 30 cases, a 328% increase. This increase appears similar to outbreaks of HIV among people who inject drugs identified in both urban and rural areas elsewhere in the United States. Snohomish County has had a recent similar increase in cases among heterosexuals who inject drugs raising concerns about the potential for another cluster in Washington State. To date, the Washington State Department of Health has not observed a similar increase in HIV diagnoses among people who inject drugs in other regions of the state. However, based on surveillance and analysis of the risk environment, identification of additional cases is expected, and the Washington State Department of Health is concerned that areas outside of King County are vulnerable to increases in HIV transmission among people who inject drugs.

Attachments

List of providers prescribing PrEP in Kitsap County.

Resources

Public Health King County: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/communicable-diseases/health-care-providers.aspx>

Sterile Injection Equipment: https://kitsappublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/hs_exchange.php

WA Recovery Helpline: <http://www.warecoveryhelpline.org/>

Naloxone Information: <http://stopoverdose.org/>

PrEP Prescribing Providers In Kitsap County, Washington State

PrEP Prescriber	Phone	Name	Address	City
BRIAN WOOD, MD	(866) 463-1669	HARBORVIEW SATELITE CLINIC - KCHD - NORM DICKS GVMTCR	345 6TH STREET STE 300	BREMERTON
MATTHEW JOHNSON, MD	(360) 782-3500	THE DOCTORS CLINIC - POULSBO	19245 7TH AVE NE	POULSBO
JOSEPH HERMAN, MD	(360) 782-5700	HARRISON PRIMARY CARE & INFECTIOUS DISEASE	2512 WHEATON WAY STE B	BREMERTON
PROVIDER OF THE DAY	(800) 769-0045	PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE GREAT NW & HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - BREMERTON HEALTH CENT	723 NE RIDDELL ROAD STE A	BREMERTON
PIL CHUNG J DELCAMPO, MD	(360) 895-5000	KAISER PERMANENTE - PORT ORCHARD MEDICAL CENTER	1400 POTTERY AVE	PORT ORCHARD
CHRISTINE RAGGI, ARNP	(360) 337-3776	PENINSULA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES	2508 WHEATON WAY	BREMERTON
JILLIAN WORTH, MD	(206) 842-5632	VIRGINIA MASON BAINBRIDGE ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER	380 WINSLOW WAY E	BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

Adapted from PrEP Prescribing Providers In Washington State

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**PLEASE NOTE: This list is not the
PrEP DAP Contracted Provider List**