

BALTIMORE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER




Spring 2020
Temporary COVID-19

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NEP SCHEDULE:

<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Pratt & Lombard</p> <p>11:15 AM – 1:15 PM Brooklyn (Patapsco & 6th)</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Montford & Biddle</p> <p>11:15 AM – 1:15 PM N. Fremont & Riggs</p> <p>Like us on </p>	<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Temporarily Discontinued</p> <p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Morrell Park</p> <p>11:15 AM – 1:15 PM Monroe & Ramsey</p>	<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Park Heights & Spaulding</p> <p>11:15 AM – 1:15 PM Milton & Monument</p> <p><u>Saturday</u></p> <p>Temporarily Discontinued</p>
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<http://health.baltimorecity.gov/hiv-std-services/community-risk-reduction>

Please Note: The Needle Exchange Program Will be closed on the Following Dates:

Friday April 10th- Good Friday **Monday May 25th- Memorial Day**
Friday July 1st- Independence Day **Monday September 7th- Labor Day**

HOW TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Needle Exchange Program is an HIV and Hepatitis C prevention program that offers intravenous drug users risk reduction education and clean syringes to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. The program also provides access to drug treatment. To become a participant of the Needle Exchange Program all you need to do is register at any of our locations. The participant must be an injection drug user. This program is free and confidential. No identification is required for registration.

RULES FOR NEEDLE EXCHANGE CLIENTS	DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TRAINING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Respect other clients, the staff, and the neighborhoods that the NEP operates in. ▪ Never expose needles outside of the van or pharmacy. ▪ No soliciting of any kind on the van or outside of the van. ▪ Recap all Syringes. ▪ Do not break the points off the syringes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please do not pass syringes to other clients in the line to exchange on your behalf. ▪ Please do not consume alcohol beverages or use any drugs in line or while being serviced. ▪ Please no loitering or littering around needle exchange sites. ▪ Please do not make any money transactions in the line or around the van while waiting to exchange. ▪ Please do not bundle or unbundle syringes while on the van
<p>The Baltimore City Needle Exchange Program has transitioned to a needs-based distribution model. Using this approach, we strive to provide an adequate level of safe injection equipment to all participants based upon their individual need and our program protocol.</p>	<p>Do you know how to decrease your chance of overdosing or assist someone who has overdosed?</p> <p>If not, you can get training at our drug overdose prevention program.</p> <p><u>TRAINING SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p>Temporarily Discontinued</p> <p>* Trainings are held on a regular basis on the NEP mobile units, and usually take about 10 minutes to complete. Each person trained will receive an overdose response kit, which includes naloxone. If you are interested, please ask a health educator about details and availability. We strongly encourage everyone to take the training.</p> <p>For more information call The Staying Alive Program at: 410-396-3731</p>

INTERESTED IN DRUG TREATMENT?

HOW TO OBTAIN A DRUG TREATMENT SLOT:

We give out slots on a first come, first serve basis. Please come early to a site, and ask a Health Educator about openings upon entering location. We will try to make a referral or assist you with obtaining a referral from another source. Remember; try not to get frustrated—we want to help you get into treatment.

We also have Peer Recovery Specialist from IBR-Reach and New Hope at some locations that will help walk you through the process- PLEASE ASK THE STAFF

Vaccine Clinic

The Needle Exchange will be conducting a mobile vaccine clinic that will be providing Hepatitis B vaccines as well as Influenza at the following sites:

Baltimore & Gay, and other sites TBD

Please ask a Health Educator or call one of the numbers at the top of this newsletter, if you have questions