

BALTIMORE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER




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Webpage: <http://health.baltimorecity.gov/hiv-std-services/community-risk-reduction>

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<p>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM -Break- 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM Monroe & Ramsey (21223) (NEW LOCATION) Morrell Park (21230)</p> <p>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Baltimore & Conkling (21223)</p> <p>7:00 PM – 10:30 PM Milton & McElderry (21205)</p>	<p>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM -Break- 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM Monroe & Ramsey (21223) Fremont & Laurens (21217)</p> <p>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM -Break- 8:00 PM- 10:30 PM (NEW LOCATION) Morrell Park (21230)</p>	<p>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM -Break- 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM Milton & McElderry (21205)</p> <p>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Fremont & Laurens (21217)</p> <p>12:00 PM – 2:30 PM Brooklyn (21225) (Patapsco & 6th)</p> <p>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM -Break- 8:00 PM- 10:30 PM Monroe & Ramsey (21223)</p>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<p>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Montford & Biddle (21213) Carey & Hollins (21223)</p> <p>10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Maryland & 21st (21218) Druid Hill Clinic [side lot] (21217)</p>	<p>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Walbrook & Dennison (21216) Park Heights & Spaulding (21215)</p> <p>10:30 AM – 11:30 AM North & Druid Hill Fulton & Baker (21217)</p> <p>5:00 PM – 6:00 PM North Ave. & Druid Hill (21217)</p> <p>7:00 PM – 11:00 PM *Baltimore & Gay (The Block) (21202)</p>	<p>9:30 AM – 11:30 AM -Break- 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM Fremont & Riggs (21217)</p>
		<p>Please ask a Health Educator or call one of the numbers at the top of this newsletter, if you have questions</p>
		<p>Like us on </p>

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

Monday, October 9th – Indigenous Peoples' Day Friday, November 10th - Veterans Day
Thursday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day
Monday, January 1st, 2024 – New Years 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. If at anytime you feel that your needs are not met, please do not hesitate to the management team. Contact information is listed on the front page at the top.</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>Trainings are held on a regular basis outside of 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>We also provide replacement kits for those used, lost, or stolen.</p> <p>For more information call The Staying Alive Program at: 410-396-3731</p>
Quality Assurance	
How are we doing?	
<p>If at anytime you have a suggestion or complaint, we would like to hear from you. Please call one of the program administrators [listed on the top front page], and we will address your concerns promptly. We can also be reached via message on or Facebook pages:</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreNeedleExchange</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/Baltimore-City-Health-Department-Staying-Alive-Program-566786523364067</p>	