

# BALTIMORE SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Newsletter

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**\*In addition to the sites and times listed below, street-based outreach is conducted by the CRRS - Team throughout the City of Baltimore via Backpacking. (Access Link or QR Below) These pop-up locations will vary and be determined by community needs and other related factors.**

All program staff will have visible picture identification, and will likely be wearing program gear with logos affixed!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15N63DNcJ-jZVSPFheCIBfN\\_xv12O48og/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117179676680785850036&rtf=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15N63DNcJ-jZVSPFheCIBfN_xv12O48og/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117179676680785850036&rtf=true&sd=true)



### Monday

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Monroe & Ramsey (21223)  
-Break-  
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Monroe & Ramsey (21223)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Baltimore & Conkling (21222)  
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
Milton & McElderry (21205)

### Tuesday

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Montford & Biddle (21213)

### Wednesday

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Monroe & Ramsey (21223)  
Fremont & Laurens (21217)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Fremont & Laurens (21217)

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
Monroe & Ramsey (21223)

### Thursday

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Park Heights & Spaulding (21215)  
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Druid Clinic (21217)

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
North Ave. & Druid Hill (21217)

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
\*Baltimore & Gay (The Block)(21202)

### Friday

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Milton & McElderry (21205)  
Fremont & Laurens (21217)

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Brooklyn (21225)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
-Break-  
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
Monroe & Ramsey (21223)

### Saturday

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Fremont & Laurens (21217)  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Fremont & Riggs (21217)

Please ask staff or call one of the numbers at the top of this newsletter, if you have any questions or concerns.

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**PLEASE NOTE - THE SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

Tuesday, November 5th - Election Day Monday, November 11th - Veterans Day Thursday, November 28th - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 29th - Native American Heritage Day Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day Wednesday, January 1st - New Years Day

## HOW TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) is an evidence-based public health intervention that aims to lower incidences of HIV, hepatitis C, and other bloodborne infections that are caused by the use of contaminated needles. Some program services include circulation of sterile syringes, wound care kits, HIV testing, referrals for treatment. Register as a client 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

- Respect other clients, the staff, and the neighborhoods that the SEP operates in.
- Please do not pass syringes to other clients in the line to exchange on your behalf.
- Never expose needles outside of the van or pharmacy.
- Please do not consume alcohol beverages or use any drugs while in line or being waited on.
- Please no loitering or littering around needle exchange sites.
- No soliciting of any kind on the van or outside of the van.
- Recap all Syringes.
- Please do not make any money transactions in the line or around the van while waiting to exchange.
- Do not break the points off the syringes.
- Please do not bundle or unbundle syringes while on the van.

The Baltimore City Syringe Exchange Program uses a negotiated 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 contact the management team. Contact information is listed at the top of the front page.

## Help Us Improve!!

Scan QR code and complete our survey!



## THIS IS OUR VISION

The vision for Community Risk Reduction Services Program is to expand the capacity and accessibility to a continuum of comprehensive harm reduction-centered services for all individuals with substance use disorders in Baltimore City and surrounding jurisdictions.

## WE STILL HAVE A MISSION

The mission of CRRS is to deliver free and confidential quality HIV prevention and harm reduction education and services in communities within Baltimore City, via mobile and other outreach methods, in a non-judgmental manner that reduces the impacts of drug use among high-risk individuals and the general public.

## DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TRAINING

Do you know how to decrease your chance of a fatal overdose or assist someone who has overdosed?

If not, you can get training at our Overdose Response Program.

### TRAINING SCHEDULE:

**Trainings are held on a regular basis at the SEP mobile units and while backpacking. This usually takes less than 5 minutes to complete. Each person trained will receive an overdose response kit, which includes Naloxone. Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips provided by request. If you are interested, please ask a team member.**

We also provide replacement kits for those used, lost, or stolen.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR NEED ADDITIONAL TRAININGS, CALL **THE STAYING ALIVE PROGRAM** AT:410-396-3731

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

### How are we doing?

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. Please see QR code at the bottom left page to complete our client satisfaction survey. We can also be reached via message on or Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreNeedleExchange>

<https://www.facebook.com/Baltimore-City-Health-Department-Staying-Alive-Program-566786523364067>

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**988**  
We're here to help

Call 988 for emotional or behavioral support

