



[Syringe Exchange Program Louisville Metro Public Department of Health & Wellness,](#)

A Proven Practice to Reduce the Spread of HIV and Blood-borne Diseases

Locations and hours of operation:

MAIN SITE:

Inside the Louisville Metro Public Department of Health & Wellness, 400 E. Gray St.

Monday 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Friday 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed

Outside regular business hours call (502) 574-6520 and follow the voice prompts.

What is a syringe exchange program?

A public health program for people who use drugs by injection (IDU's)

Goal is to reduce the spread of HIV, Hepatitis C and other blood-borne infections

Provides new, sterile syringes and clean injection equipment.

Syringes and needles are disposed of safely reducing the number of discarded syringes on our sidewalks, yards, parks and play grounds.

Download our

brochure.https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/health_and_wellness/education

almaterials/2017julysepbrochure2.pdf

Why have a syringe exchange program?

Preventing HIV infection in people who inject drugs also prevents HIV in pregnant women and newborn children

By working with people who inject drugs we can get them into treatment

An evidence-based practice to connect IDUs to:

Counseling and treatment

Testing for HIV, Hepatitis, and other infections

Education about harms associated with drug use and how to minimize them

Safe disposal of contaminated equipment