

Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Sexually Transmitted Disease & Viral Hepatitis

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Currently over 1,200 people are living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in Maine, and approximately one-third do not know they are infected. HIV infection is a chronic, life-threatening disease that is behavior-linked, resulting primarily from unprotected sex and injection drug use.

Sexually transmitted diseases (STD) are also behavior-linked, resulting from unprotected sex. Chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis infections are diagnosed in more than 3,000 people on an annual basis in Maine.

Similar to trends seen across the nation, Maine has seen an increase in new cases of certain STDs and HIV in the recent years.

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is the most common bloodborne infection in the U.S. and is the leading indication for liver transplantation. An estimated 20,000 people living in Maine have past or present HCV infection. Approximately 70% of those infected are unaware of their infection. Without knowledge of infection, opportunities for preventive and therapeutic care are lost.



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The HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Program directs statewide services to prevent new cases of sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C, and to treat and provide disease follow-up support to those already infected.

Primary Activities:

- ❑ Receiving disease reports, monitoring and analyzing HIV, STD and Hepatitis C disease trends and disseminate information about HIV, STDs and viral hepatitis in Maine;
- ❑ Assessing community and statewide needs relative to HIV, STD and Hepatitis C prevention and care;
- ❑ Planning for the development and implementation of prevention and care programs and services to address identified needs;
- ❑ Obtaining federal funds and purchasing community health and social service agencies statewide on a competitive basis and in a manner consistent with developed plans and evidence-based practice;
- ❑ Administering the Maine AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP);
- ❑ Providing HIV, STD and viral hepatitis education and training for health and social service professionals;
- ❑ Providing leadership and coordination to HIV/STD/Hepatitis C care and prevention efforts statewide, both internal to state government and with community partners;
- ❑ Facilitating HCV testing in diagnostic laboratories;
- ❑ Identifying resources for HAV/HBV vaccines for at-risk persons;
- ❑ Evaluating the effectiveness of HIV, STD and HCV prevention activities.

Funding Sources:

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