

Access to Sterile Syringes in California

Authorized Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs) and Over-the Counter (OTC) Pharmacy Sale of Syringes

	Locale	Authorized Syringe Exchange?	Number of SEPs	OTC Pharmacy Sale?
1.	Alameda County	Yes	4	Yes
2.	Contra Costa County	Yes	1	Yes
3.	Humboldt County	Yes	6	Yes
4.	Lake County	Yes	1	No
5.	Los Angeles County	Yes	7	Yes
6.	Marin County	Yes	1	Yes
7.	Mendocino County	Yes	1	No
8.	Monterey County	Yes	1	No
9.	San Francisco City and County	Yes	5	Yes
10.	San Luis Obispo County	Yes	1	Yes
11.	San Mateo County	Yes	4	Yes
12.	Santa Barbara County	Yes	1	Yes
13.	Santa Clara County	Yes	1	Yes
14.	Santa Cruz County	Yes	1	Yes
15.	Shasta County	Yes	1	No
16.	Solono County	No	0	Yes
17.	Sonoma County	Yes	1	Yes
18.	Ventura County	Yes	1	No
19.	Yolo County	Yes	2	Yes
20.	Yuba County	No	0	Yes

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	Note: some SEPs operate in more than one county			
	City Authorization			
1.	Berkeley	Yes	1	No
2.	Los Angeles	Yes	7	Yes
3.	Sacramento	Yes	2	Yes
4.	San Diego	Yes	1	No
5.	West Hollywood	No	0	Yes
6.	Long Beach	No	0	Yes

Current statute allows SEPs and OTC pharmacy sale of syringes to be authorized by city or county government. For more information on local authorization, contact the local HIV Education and Prevention Coordinator. Contact information may be found in the Resource Directory at the California AIDS Clearinghouse Web site:
<http://www.hivinfo.org/links/lhj.htm>

For further information on Office of AIDS programs related to injection drug users contact Alessandra Ross, Injection Drug Use Policy and Program Coordinator, at (916) 449-5796 or Alessandra.Ross@cdph.ca.gov

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