



# HIV, Hepatitis C, STD, and Tuberculosis Resources List for Community/Clinical Providers

## Condoms

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The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) operates a statewide condom distribution system where individuals can obtain free condoms at one of 55 public locations in Rhode Island. In 2017, approximately 500,000 condoms were distributed.



To find all the locations that publicly distribute condoms in Rhode Island, visit [www.health.ri.gov/findcondoms/](http://www.health.ri.gov/findcondoms/) or download the [RightTime mobile app](#), available on [Google Play](#) for Android devices and the Apple [App store](#). Pocket cards with the link above are also available in bulk for distribution.

If you would like to become an official member of the condom distribution program, please contact us.

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## Needle Exchange and Resources for People Who Inject Drugs

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RIDOH contracts with AIDS Care Ocean State (ACOS) to operate a statewide needle exchange/drug user health program called ENCORE (Education, Needle Exchange, Counseling, Outreach, and Referrals). They provide clean needles, naloxone, HIV/hepatitis C rapid testing, and counseling and referral services. They have two fixed sites, conduct street and mobile outreach throughout the state, and do home delivery.



<b>M:</b> Cranston Street in Providence	4:30pm-6:30pm
<b>W:</b> Pawtucket & Central Falls	4:30pm-6:30pm
<b>TH:</b> Prairie Ave. in Providence	10:00am-1:00pm
<b>F:</b> Newport (Broadway and Memorial Park)	1:30pm-3:30pm
<b>S:</b> Hartford and Manton Ave. in Providence	1:00pm-3:00pm

**ENCORE is always open at their Prevention Office:**

557 Broad Street  
Providence, RI 02907  
401-781-0665

For more information, visit ACOS' website:

<http://www.aidscaeos.org/OurServices/PreventionCenter/NeedleExchange.aspx>

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## General Public Health Education Materials, App, Videos, and Links

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RIDOH has a variety of free hard copy materials, videos, and website links that provide information on HIV and STD Prevention.



- For more information about the RightTime sexual health app, visit <http://righttime.site>. Download the app on [Google Play](#) and the [App store](#).
- For more information about STDs visit: <http://www.health.ri.gov/std> (Spanish: <https://health.ri.gov/ets>)
- For more information about HIV, visit: <http://www.health.ri.gov/hiv> (Spanish: <https://health.ri.gov/vih>)
- For more information about tuberculosis, visit <http://www.health.ri.gov/diseases/tuberculosis/>
- RIDOH has a dedicated webpage with Sexual Health Information for Gay Men: <http://health.ri.gov/sex/for/gaymen/>
- RIDOH YouTube Playlists: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RhodeIslandHealth/playlists> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/ridohealth/playlists>

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## Partner Services

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The RIDOH provides services to assist individuals who have HIV, syphilis, and gonorrhea contact their partners to facilitate testing. These services are provided in conjunction with health care providers. Providers may also refer patients to utilize the RightTime sexual health app to notify partners of STD exposure via anonymous text or email.



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## STD Clinical Specialty Care

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RIDOH has a relationship with The Miriam Hospital STD Clinic to provide walk-in STD/HIV clinical testing and care.

The organizational website can be found at: <http://www.doitright.org/>

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## STD and HIV Case Reporting

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In accordance with state regulations, all cases of HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia are required to be reported to the RIDOH using the corresponding case report form. Also, RIDOH requires the reporting of pregnancies among women living with these infectious diseases.

- STD Case Report Form: <https://bit.ly/2oeKYJt>
- Adult HIV Confidential Case Report Form (ages 13 and up): <https://bit.ly/2wiaSQO>
- Perinatal HIV Exposure Case Report Form: <https://bit.ly/2MVEFYX>

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## Community-based Rapid HIV and Hepatitis C Testing

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The RIDOH contracts with non-profit groups to provide rapid HIV and hepatitis C testing in community locations. All testing is free.

- HIV testing: <http://health.ri.gov/diseases/hiv aids/about/testing/>
- Hepatitis C testing: <http://health.ri.gov/hepc>

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## HIV Return to Care

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Clinical medical providers and non-clinical case management agencies who care for people living with HIV may refer patients who have fallen out of care for assistance by RIDOH staff in locating and re-engaging patients.

Healthcare providers should complete the “[Out of Care Referral Form for HIV Patients](#),” located at <https://bit.ly/2wuWl3D>, for all HIV patients who have not been seen or have not had a lab test within the last 6 months. This form should be mailed to the provided address at RIDOH.

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## Data and Surveillance

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RIDOH collects, analyzes, and publishes reports on trends of HIV, hepatitis C, STDs, and Tuberculosis.

For more information, see the 2016 HIV, STD, and Hepatitis C surveillance report at <http://health.ri.gov/publications/surveillance/2016/HIVSTD.pdf> and additional STD and TB data reports at <http://www.health.ri.gov/data/diseases/>.

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## TB Resources

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### RISE Clinic

The RISE Clinic is the state-funded TB clinic in Rhode Island. Patients with suspect or confirmed TB disease or latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) can be referred to the RISE Clinic for specialty care. The RISE Clinic is a referral only clinic; walk-ins and patient self-referrals are not accepted.

To refer a patient to the RISE Clinic, the provider must complete the [referral form](#), confirm the appointment time with the patient, and fax the form to the RISE Clinic. Contact the RISE Clinic to obtain available appointments and facilitate appropriate triage.

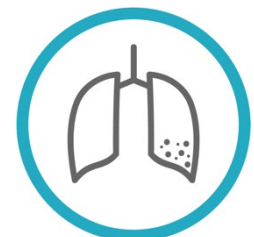
The RISE Clinic will triage the patient. If you suspect that the patient has active TB and/or an abnormal chest x-ray, you must speak with the RISE Clinic physician to discuss the case. The RISE staff will then collect any pertinent information so that the patient can be seen as soon as possible.

### Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) Program

Directly observed therapy (DOT) is the standard of care for all TB disease cases in the state. Upon receiving a report of a new TB disease case and a prescription from the TB clinician for the case, the [TB Program](#) will match the case with a DOT outreach worker based on culture and language needs. Every treatment dose will be administered to the patient under direct observation by the outreach worker.

Contact the RISE Clinic at: 401-793-3927

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## *Looking for someone to talk to with specifics?*

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