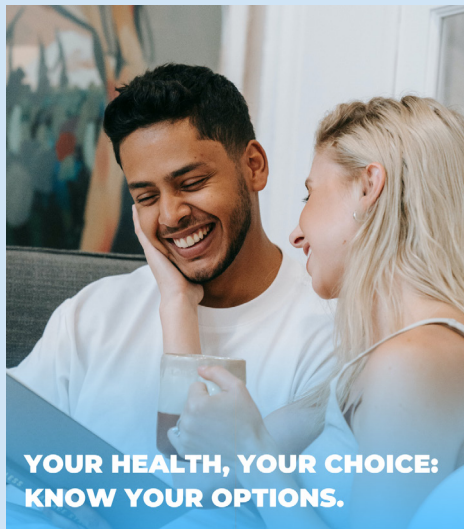




YOUR HEALTH, YOUR CHOICE: KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Guide to Sexual Health Resources

These are free resources and contacts provided by the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) to help all sexually active Rhode Islanders stay healthy and safe. Learn more and find services to prevent, test, and treat HIV, Hepatitis C, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) at health.ri.gov/youroptions or find information on the new RightToKnow sexual and reproductive health app at righttoknowapp.com.



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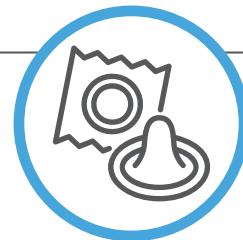
Take steps to protect yourself and your partner from HIV and STIs.

Get free condoms, information, and health services at:



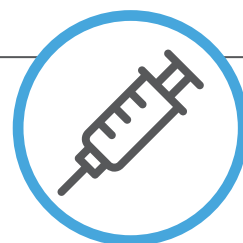
Free Condoms

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) operates a statewide condom distribution system where anyone can get free condoms. You can now order free condoms sent by mail to your address in Rhode Island. To order free condoms for yourself, please visit www.health.ri.gov/findcondoms/.



Needle Exchange and Resources for People Who Inject Drugs

RIDOH funds 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 safe injection equipment (including sterile syringes), wound care kits, hygiene kits, condoms, naloxone, HIV/hepatitis C rapid testing, in addition to counseling and referral services. They have one fixed site located at 557 Broad St., Providence, RI. In addition, ACOS conducts street and mobile outreach throughout the state, offers home deliveries to any Rhode Island address, and their newest initiative is harm reduction vending machines. ACOS provides both walk-in hours and appointments for harm reduction services. For the latest information on these times please visit ACOS' website: <https://aidscaeos.org/services/prevention-center/needle-exchange>. Please call ACOS at 401-781-0665 to learn more.



Harm Reduction Vending Machines (HRVM):

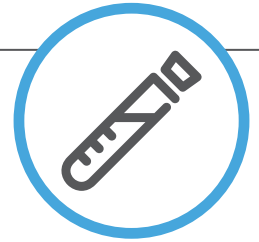
The AIDS Care Ocean State (ACOS) Prevention Center has created vending machines that are being used to dispense and distribute harm reduction supplies. These machines will be able to dispense free prevention and harm reduction tools including sterile needles, condoms, Naloxone (Narcan), wound care, hygiene supplies and fentanyl test strips. Many of the vending machines allow for 24/7 access for individuals who may be looking for supplies. To access the supplies in the machine individuals are asked to enroll with ACOS, then they can access any of the machines. For more Information on HRVMs and how to register yourself for vending machine use, visit the ACOS Website, www.aidscaeos.org/services/prevention-center, or call ACOS at 401-781-0665.



Rapid HIV and Hepatitis C Testing/Free HIV Home Test Kits by Mail

Many community organizations and clinics provide rapid HIV and Hepatitis C testing that is free and confidential.

- Visit <https://health.ri.gov/youroptions> to find all your options for HIV/Hepatitis C and STI testing.
- In addition, RIDOH has partnered with local clinical providers to provide eligible residents with free or low-cost STD and HIV testing.
- Free at-home HIV test kits can be mailed to any address in Rhode Island or in the United States. To learn more, visit <https://health.ri.gov/youroptions>.
- Call RIDOH's Health Information Line at **401-222-5960** or call the contacts below for assistance by phone locating free or low-cost testing services.



Transportation to Medical Appointments

RIDOH offers transportation/rides at no cost to the patient, for any patient diagnosed with Tuberculosis, Hepatitis C, HIV, and/or Sexually Transmitted Infections, who may need help getting to and from a medical appointment. Appointments must be related to the testing, treatment and/or follow-up of those infections. To make an appointment, please call **401-222-2577**.



Partner Notification Services

RIDOH health educators are here to help you. They are friendly staff who are well trained in reaching out to people and letting them know they may have been exposed to an STI and that they should get an STI check-up. This helps your sex partner(s) get treatment and stay healthy. It also helps prevent you from getting an STI again. The health educators NEVER tell anyone who you are or any information that you choose to share. You can call a health educator at **401-222-2577** and ask for partner services. You can also use tellyourpartner.org to notify partners of STD exposure using an anonymous text message or email.



Medications to Prevent HIV (PrEP and PEP) and PEP to Prevent STIs

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is medicine that people who are not living with HIV can take to prevent HIV. If you're not on PrEP but think you've been exposed to HIV or an STI, talk to your doctor as soon as possible about Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). When taken as soon as possible after risky sex, these HIV PEP pills can prevent you from getting HIV and STI PEP pills can prevent you from getting an STI. Learn more at <https://health.ri.gov/youroptions>, talk to your doctor, or contact the trusted organizations below for more information about prevention, testing, and treatment of HIV and STIs.



Trusted Community Organizations: Connect to Sexual Health Services

AIDS Care Ocean State: Visit <https://aidscaresos.org> or call 401-781-0665

AIDS Project Rhode Island: Visit <https://aidsprojectri.org> or call 401-831-5522

Project Weber/RENEW: Visit <https://weberrenew.org> or call 401-383-4888

Sojourner House: Visit <https://sojournerri.org> or call 401-861-6191