

IDEA

The Infectious Disease Elimination Act



FLORIDA SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Read the statute that permits county commissions to authorize syringe exchange programs: Section 381.0038, Florida Statutes.



Opioid misuse fuels the increase of infectious diseases connected to injection drug use.

Currently, injection drug use is the cause of most new **hepatitis C** infections. Injection drug use is also a risk factor for **hepatitis A and B** infections.

**3.5X
INCREASE**

From 2010 to 2016, the U.S. experienced a 3.5-fold increase of **hepatitis C** virus cases.

2,500+

Starting in 2010, with each year there has been an average of 2,500 new **HIV infections** among people who inject drugs in the U.S.

Syringe Exchange Programs: A Good IDEA for Florida's Communities



**LINKS
TO CARE**

By providing new and sterile syringes to people who inject drugs, syringe exchange programs help **reduce HIV and viral hepatitis** infections.

Programs also provide additional prevention and intervention services like **vaccination, testing, links to infectious disease care** and **substance use treatment**.

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HEALTH**

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention