

HIV IS SPREADING IN SEATTLE



Public Health has identified a cluster of new HIV infections among heterosexuals who inject drugs and are living homeless in north Seattle. Homeless service providers can help by offering or referring for HIV testing, PrEP and harm reduction services.

WHAT YOU CAN DO



Encourage your clients to test for HIV.

Know the signs and symptoms of HIV. When patients or clients present with these symptoms, test for HIV!



Inform patients about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). PrEP is a once-daily medication that prevents HIV.

Refer patients to the Harborview STD Clinic or other providers for PrEP (www.kingcounty.gov/health/PrEP).



Post HIV testing and symptoms flyers where clients can see them.



Provide harm reduction supplies or information on where to get supplies. Supplies include clean needles, cookers, cottons and condoms.



Tell your patients that if they have HIV, Public Health will help find a doctor and get treatment. Everyone with HIV in King County can get the care and medication they need, even if they can't pay or don't have insurance.

Contact the Public Health HIV/STD Program if you need more information or supplies. (Mariah.taylor@kingcounty.gov/ Karen.hartfield@kingcounty.gov)