Directory of Syringe Exchange Programs in California

There are currently more than 40 programs in California that provide syringe exchange services. Many have fixed locations, but others operate at various locations and times throughout the week.

Northern California residents can check the [San Francisco Bay Area-Wide Syringe Exchange List](#) for a detailed schedule of local exchange sites and times. For more information contact the programs listed below.

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Sacramento/Yolo
- Harm Reduction Services
- Safer Alternatives thru Networking and Education (SANE)
Sacramento
(916) 456-4849

San Diego
- Family Health Centers of San Diego
San Diego
(619) 515-2449

San Francisco
- Alliance Health Project
- Homeless Youth Alliance
- San Francisco AIDS Foundation
- San Francisco Drug Users Union
- St. James Infirmary
- TRANS: THRIVE
- Glide Harm Reduction Services
San Francisco
(415) 502-8378
(415) 630-0744
(415) 241-5100
(415) 821-0420
(415) 554-8494
(415) 292-3400
(415) 674-6000

San Luis Obispo
- SLO Bangers
San Luis Obispo
(805) 458-0123

San Mateo
- Be Safe! Syringe Access for Empowerment
- ACRC’s Syringe Access Program (ASAP)
Redwood City
(650) 619-9125
(650) 369-0330

Santa Barbara
- Pacific Pride Foundation/The Right Outfit
Santa Barbara
(805) 963-3636

Santa Clara
- SCCPHD Needle Exchange Program
San Jose
(888) 308-1110

Santa Cruz
- Syringe Services Program
Santa Cruz
(831) 454-2437

Shasta
- Shasta County Syringe Exchange Program
Redding
(530) 225-5298

Sonoma
- Face to Face
- DAAC HIV and Hepatitis C Health Services
- West County Health Centers/Healthcare for the Homeless
Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa
Guerneville
(707) 544-1581
(807) 544-3295
(707) 824-3398

Ventura
- Ventura County Syringe Replacement Program
Ventura, Oxnard, Santa Paula
(805) 652-6112

Yolo
(See Sacramento)

Pharmacy Syringe Access

As of January 1, 2015, any pharmacy in the state may sell an unlimited number of syringes to adults ages 18 and older without a prescription. Adults may also purchase and possess an unlimited number of syringes for personal use without a prescription.

Pharmacies are not required to sell syringes without a prescription, and many pharmacies are still learning about this change in law. The California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS is encouraging pharmacies that participate in California’s AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) to provide nonprescription syringe sale, and many have begun to offer the service.

To find an ADAP pharmacy near you, use the pharmacy locator

Enter your zip code and call the pharmacy listed to ask if they provide nonprescription syringe sales.