

Access to Sterile Syringes in California

List of County Boards of Supervisors and City Councils which have authorized syringe access programs, either through syringe exchange programs (SEPs) or nonprescription sale of syringes (NPSS) in pharmacies.

	Locale	SEP Authorized	NPSS Authorized
1.	Alameda County	December, 1999	March 29, 2005
2.	Contra Costa County	December 14, 1999	December 14, 2004
3.	Fresno County	December 16, 2008	Not Authorized
4.	Humboldt County	January 25, 2000	October 4, 2005
5.	Lake County	February 26, 2008	Not Authorized
6.	Los Angeles County	August 2, 2005	June 14, 2005
7.	Marin County	November, 1993	March 1, 2005
8.	Mendocino County	April, 2000	July 22, 2010
9.	Monterey County	October 19, 1993	Not Authorized
10.	San Francisco City and County	March 15, 1993	April 11, 2005
11.	San Luis Obispo County	March 7, 2006	March 7, 2006
12.	San Mateo County	May 14, 2002	August 4, 2005
13.	Santa Barbara County	June 6, 2000	November 20, 2005
14.	Santa Clara County	September 13, 1994	January 10, 2006
15.	Santa Cruz County	May 23, 1995	March 15, 2005
16.	Shasta County	September 19, 2006	Not Authorized
17.	Solano County	Not Authorized	September 27, 2005
18.	Sonoma County	October, 1999	September 27, 2005

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19.	Ventura County	December, 2000	Not Authorized
20.	Yolo County	June 19, 2007	May 3, 2005
21.	Yuba County	Not Authorized	January 11, 2005
	Note: some SEPs operate in more than one county.		
	City Authorization		
1.	Berkeley	December 7, 1993	*
2.	Los Angeles	September, 1995	March 7, 2005
3.	Oakland	December 14, 1993	*
4.	Sacramento	January, 2007	October 18, 2005
5.	San Diego	October 16, 2000	Not Authorized
6.	West Hollywood	**	February 22, 2005
7.	Long Beach	Not Authorized	November 20, 2007

* NPSS available under Alameda County authorization

** SEP operates under Los Angeles County authorization

Information current as of June, 2011. A list of California Syringe Exchange Programs and how to find participating NPSS pharmacies is available at www.syringeaccess.com. For more information call CDPH/OA at 916-449-5796.

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