

Counties & Cities with Authorized Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs) in California

As of April 2014



Alameda*
City of Sacramento
City of San Diego
Contra Costa
Humboldt
Lake
Los Angeles*
Marin
Mendocino
Monterey
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
San Mateo
Santa Barbara
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz
Shasta
Sonoma
Ventura
Yolo

* SEPs authorized county-wide by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS).

The cities of Berkeley and Oakland also took separate action to authorize SEPs.

**SEPs authorized county-wide by the Los Angeles County BOS. The city of Los Angeles also took separate action to authorize SEPs.

Note: The Fresno County BOS authorized its local SEP in 2008 and rescinded its authorization in 2011. The Fresno Needle Exchange, as well as the syringe exchange program in Modesto, both operate under the provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 11364.1, which allow physicians to dispense up to 30 syringes without a prescription to individuals age 18 and older.

As of April 1, 2014 all authorizations of SEPs in California have been made by city councils or county BOSs. In December 2013, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) launched a parallel system for SEP authorization through direct application to the State. To date, CDPH has not authorized any SEPs.