

What Do You Know About Hepatitis C?

Answer the questions below with True or False and check your scores at the bottom.

1. People with hepatitis C can safely share their toothbrushes and razors with other people.
2. People with hepatitis C can safely take any herbal medication.
3. People with hepatitis C can damage their liver when they drink alcohol.
4. People who received blood transfusion before 1992 in the US may have been infected with hepatitis C.
5. There is a hepatitis C vaccine.
6. It is a good idea for people living with hepatitis C to be vaccinated against hepatitis A and B.
7. More than 60% of people who inject street drugs with 'used needles' are infected with hepatitis C.
8. People can live with hepatitis C for many years without knowing that they have been infected.
9. Hepatitis C can be given to someone through snorting cocaine through straws, rolled money, etc.
10. Some treatments for hepatitis C, such as interferon, can cause depression in some patients.
11. Using 'new' needles, syringes and equipment reduces the risk of being infected with Hepatitis C.
12. Babies born to pregnant women infected with hepatitis C can be infected with hepatitis C.
13. Hepatitis C can be transmitted to someone during sexual intercourse.
14. Coughing and sneezing can spread hepatitis C.
15. Successful hepatitis C treatment can result in the virus being removed from one's body.
16. The hepatitis C virus can be spread from shared kitchen cups, plates or utensils.
17. Once treated, one cannot get reinfected with hepatitis C.
18. People can get infected with hepatitis C from tattoos and body piercings.
19. Hepatitis can be transmitted by hugs or handshakes.

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New Media Communications

In the coming weeks, Jaisen will be circulating a document to support the use of social media, communicating with clients via mobile phones and other forms of new media interventions. Do you have a success story using one of these techniques to communicate with clients and/or deliver HIV prevention messaging? Please contact Jaisen and share your experience. jaisen.glogowski@state.or.us or (971) 673.0170

We are now on Twitter and Facebook! Follow us at: **OR HIV Prevention**



Upcoming Events

July 14-18

Columbia County Public Health will have info about HIV testing and counseling services at their booth at the Columbia County Fair.

July 22-23

Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling: Client Focused Counseling in Astoria, Oregon. To register, visit:
www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/hiv/register.shtml

August 14

“Horse of a Different Color”, 3rd Annual Multicultural Event, 12-5pm, McKenzie Park in Hermiston. Contact (541) 626.9635 or more info at: www.umalt.com

August 18

Statewide Planning Group (SPG) Meeting
Portland State Office Building, Room 1D, 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, 97232

Ongoing Events

Coastal AIDS Network

Social events in Lincoln City, OR the second, third and fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Dan Beck (541) 994.5597

HIV Alliance

In partnership with the Glassbar Nude Beach Association the prevention team will begin bimonthly HIV Testing at Glassbar Island. Testing will begin, weather permitting, as early as mid-June. For more information contact: Tony Aaron Fuller, (541) 342.5088 ext. 135

Summer Fun

The HIV Alliance needle exchange hosted Summer Solstice BBQs on June 21, 23 and 24 at their mobile exchange sites. Great food and volunteers supported the ongoing efforts of HIV prevention at these sites!

Oregon Epidemiology Conference (OR-Epi)

On May 28th, Dr. Sean Schafer organized a presentation about online sexual networking of MSM at the annual Oregon Epidemiology Conference. Jaisen Glogowski (DHS HIV Prevention Program) and Michael LaClair (Cascade AIDS Project) presented on data collected from Multnomah County Health Department as well as the results of an ‘internet norms survey’. The two topics engaged the audience in reaching MSM online and using risk assessment and STD case investigation to understand where MSM meet their partners.

Contracts and Funding Opportunities Update

The DHS-HIV Prevention Program has funds available to community partners and those conducting HIV prevention awareness or public information events. Grants up to \$1,000 per agency/organization may be awarded as funds are available. For more info, please visit: www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/hiv/fso/index.shtml.

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