Communicable Disease Branch
Integrated Jail Screening Program, 2020

What is the integrated jail screening program?

The Integrated Jail Screening Program offers HIV, STD, and Hepatitis C testing for detainees in 30 local jails in North Carolina. The HIV/STD Prevention Programs provide funding to local agencies that conduct regular testing in various outreach settings, including jails. Those who test positive can then be referred for treatment and care services.

Bringing education and testing services into the jails provides an opportunity to serve those who are at an increased risk for sexually transmitted infections and viral hepatitis, and otherwise may not have access to testing and referrals to medical care.

2019 Jail Testing Summary*

22 agencies conducted tests in 30 jails throughout North Carolina.

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<th>Disease</th>
<th>Number of Jails included</th>
<th>Number of people tested</th>
<th>Number of positive tests</th>
<th>Percent of Positives found</th>
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<td>HIV</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>14,444</td>
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<td>Syphilis</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>13,378</td>
<td>164</td>
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<td>Hepatitis C</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>4,915</td>
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<td>Chlamydia</td>
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<td>Gonorrhea</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>1,660</td>
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*Represents testing funded by the Communicable Disease Branch HIV/STD Prevention Program that took place during calendar year 2019.
NC Viral Hepatitis Program: Hepatitis C Treatment

Hepatitis C Bridge Counselors (BCs):

Promotes linkage to care for patients with Hepatitis C through engagement, support, and guidance

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2019 Jail Pilot Project

Counties with regional Hepatitis C Bridge Counselors can make referrals for detainees who receive a positive HCV test result through the integrated jail testing program, so they can receive assistance in accessing medical treatment for HCV.

Since May of 2019 the Viral Hepatitis Program within NC CDB has been piloting a project with one county jail to offer more hands-on bridge counseling services to those who test positive for HCV. Two State Bridge Counselors go to testing events at Craven County Jail to provide education to those receiving testing. They also speak directly with those who have previously tested positive for HCV, are still in the jail, and want assistance accessing medical and social services after release.

Craven County Health Department’s jail outreach testing includes six county jails and had an overall positivity rate of 24% for HCV in 2019. One of the six jails, Craven County Jail, had an HCV positivity rate of 31.8%, and was chosen for the pilot program focusing on linkage to care upon release.

Carolina Hepatitis C Academic Mentorship Program, CHAMP

Provides an opportunity for primary care providers (PCPs) to be trained to deliver hepatitis C treatment and link patients to medical specialists

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