

North Carolina Safer Syringe Initiative

Syringe Exchange Supplies: In-Kind Donations

Many of the supplies typically distributed through syringe exchange programs (SEPs) can be collected through in-kind donations. Programs can identify donation sources by establishing their referral networks or identifying community stakeholders who are also invested in the success and robustness of SEP services. Donations can also help offset some operating costs and allow the program to have backup sources for supplies if demand suddenly changes or there is a problem receiving shipments.

Syringes

½ - 1cc, 27-31 G, 1/2-inch and 5/16-inch options	Hospitals, pharmacies
For hormone-replacement therapy: 1-3cc, 21-25 G, 5/8 to 1-inch, 18 G draw needles	Hospitals, pharmacies

Injection Supplies

Tourniquets/ties	Health departments, hospitals/health systems, pharmacies
Bleach kits	Laundromats

Smoking Supplies

Matches	Bars and restaurants
Aluminum Foil	Supermarkets, food pantries

Wound Care

Alcohol wipes	Health departments, hospitals/health systems, pharmacies
Antibacterial wipes	Health departments, hospitals/health systems, pharmacies
Antibacterial ointment	Health departments, hospitals/health systems, pharmacies
Bandages and bandaids	Health departments, hospitals/health systems, pharmacies

Safer Sex Supplies

Internal (female) condoms	Health departments, AIDS service organizations (ASOs), universities
External (male) condoms	Health departments, ASOs, universities
Lubricant	Health departments, ASOs, universities

Educational Materials

Brochures, hand-cards, posters, flyers (prepared materials and/or donation of printing time and supplies)

American Sexual Health Association (ASHA), NC State, NC Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC), Harm Reduction Coalition, health departments, ASOs, universities

Naloxone Kits

Intramuscular kit

NCHRC (while supplies last. Must be willing to train participants and maintain a distribution log), Urban Survivors Union (Greensboro)

Nasal kit

Managed care organizations (MCOs), NCHRC (while supplies last. Must be willing to train participants and maintain a distribution log)

Rent

Shared use agreements, tabling, donated storage space

Community centers, health centers/partner agencies, churches and other faith organizations

Biohazard Disposal

Donations of biohazard sharps containers and/or disposal

Health departments, ASOs, universities, hospitals/health systems

Donations of empty laundry detergent bottles, heavy plastic juice bottles, similar for sharps collection

Community requests, transfer stations, universities, laundromats

Testing Services

Hepatitis C rapid test kits

NC State, health departments, ASOs, universities

HIV rapid test kits

NC State, health departments, ASOs, universities

Contact the NC DPH Communicable Disease Branch for information on receiving testing kits (must meet training and reporting requirements).