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Indiana HIV Outbreak Response Update: Tuesday May 5, 2015

Current Situation

State health officials announced today that the number of HIV cases in the southeastern Indiana outbreak has reached 149 (146 confirmed and 3 preliminary positive cases). The Indiana State Department of Health will now be providing the updated number of cases each Tuesday and Thursday.

A wide range of services are being provided daily at the Austin Community Outreach Center, 2277 W. Frontage Road, Austin, Ind. A free shuttle service is being provided by Grace Covenant Church. Participants in need of transportation service to and from the Community Outreach Center from Austin can call (317) 617-2223. Additional testing is being provided at the ABC Health Clinic each Tuesday at Foundations Family Medicine and at the Scott County Health Department.

One-Stop Shop Update at the Community Outreach Center

ISDH opened a One-Stop Shop at the Austin Community Outreach Center on Monday, March 30, in coordination with local partners and other state agencies. Services provided include: access to state-issued ID cards, birth certificates, job counseling and local training, enrollment in HIP 2.0 insurance, HIV testing, HIV care coordination, substance abuse referrals, and vaccinations against tetanus, Hepatitis A and B.

Total Services Utilized: 933

HIV Testing: 200

Immunizations: 176

Bureau of Motor Vehicles: 82

LifeSpring Mental Health Services: 60

HIV Care Coordination: 36

Department of Health Vital Records: 142

Family and Social Services Administration (HIP 2.0 enrollment): 211
Job Referrals through Indiana Department of Workforce Development: 26
The Center is open Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tues. and Fri. from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
and Sun. from noon-6 p.m. Residents can contact the One-Stop Shop at (317) 605-1480.

Governor Pence's Executive Order

On April 20, Governor Pence extended by 30 days an Executive Order, originally signed on March 26, declaring a public health emergency in Scott County and permitting Scott County Health Department to design and administer a limited and focused short-term needle exchange program. The program is underway and is being implemented under the supervision of the Indiana State Department of Health. The extended Executive Order will expire May 24.

Scott County Needle Exchange Program Update

Operated by the Scott County Health Department, the needle exchange program includes Scott County residents only. Participants are counseled about their drug use and provided needles based upon their use for a week, as well as thick plastic containers for safe disposal of used needles. Participants and community members have brought used syringes in to the Community Outreach Center. State health officials expect the number of needles brought in to more closely resemble the number of needles provided as the exchange continues.

Participants are provided with substance abuse, mental health and other appropriate resources at every visit. The program collects basic demographic information for research and statistical purposes, but does not collect names.

Total Visitors: 223

Estimated Needles Brought In: *8,292

*Needles brought in include both from the needle exchange program and community returned needles.

Total Needles Provided: 9,491

The mobile unit is scheduled to be open daily from 3-6 p.m., but times may vary due to staffing limitations and weather.

Community Guidance for Needles

What to do if you find a needle:

Do not attempt to touch a needle or pick it up. Contact Scott County Dispatch at (812) 752-5550 to report the location of the needle within the community. If possible, stay with the needle and direct officers to it.

What to do if you are accidentally stuck by a used needle:

Wash the injured area right away with soap and water. Immediately go to the Emergency Department at Scott Memorial Hospital and tell the healthcare provider you have had a needlestick. Do not pick up the needle or attempt to take it with you. Report the location of the needle to Scott County Dispatch at (812) 752-5550.

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