



Sangamon County Department of Public Health

PrEP: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

What is PrEP?

PrEP is medication that if taken daily can reduce your chance of getting HIV by over 90% from sexual risk or 70% among people who inject drugs. Anyone who is at risk of encountering HIV, whether through sex or sharing needles is encouraged to ask about PrEP.

Risk of getting HIV from sex can be even lower if you combine PrEP with condoms and other prevention methods

Prep works by stopping HIV from taking hold and spreading throughout your body.

Is PrEP safe?

Yes. PrEP can cause some side effects in very few people, but those side effects don't last long.

Where can I get PrEP?

Sangamon County Health Department can prescribe PrEP through our Adult Health Clinic Call **217-535-3102** for an appointment.

You can also acquire PrEP through your personal physician. [Click here](#) for a resource you can share with your doctor.

How much does PrEP cost?

Insurance companies do cover PrEP. However, if you don't have insurance, we have programs to help access PrEP for low or no cost and pay for all lab fees and appointment costs.

Where can I learn more about PrEP?

You can visit [the CDC website](#) to learn more, or give us a call at **217-535-3102**

For more information about other services provided by the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, visit our website at www.scdph.org.

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