

Sangamon County Department of Public Health

PrEP: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

What is PrEP?

PrEP is a daily medication that can reduce your chance of getting HIV by over 90%. Anyone who is at risk of encountering HIV, whether through sex or sharing needles, can take PrEP.

Is PrEP safe?

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

Where can I get PrEP?

We prescribe PrEP here at public health, but you can also get PrEP from anyone who can write a prescription. This includes your own doctor.

How much does PrEP cost?

Insurance companies do cover PrEP. If you don't have insurance, SCDPH can pay for your doctor visit as well as any lab fees. Even if you prefer to use your own physician, we can still pay for your visit and labs. Simply bring your bills to us or have your doctor's office send the bills directly to our office.

For free PrEP medication you can complete an application found at
PrEP4Illinois.com">PrEP4Illinois.com

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