

HIV Laws Information for Websites

Laws and policies can either help or hurt efforts to keep people and communities safe. Policy work is important to ensure existing laws support state and local efforts to provide access to services for people living with HIV, STD, SUD, and Viral Hepatitis and those at risk.

Connecticut has robust HIV statutes that have been amended over the years as the HIV landscape has changed. Unlike many states, Connecticut does not have any specific HIV criminalization laws. HIV Testing laws focus on access, consent, and confidentiality.

Connecticut has enacted legislation that has had a tremendous impact on the states' HIV epidemic. Shortly after needle exchange legislation (19a-124) was enacted and programs were started there was a 47% reduction in new HIV cases. After mandatory testing of pregnant women (19a-593) was enacted in 1999, there was an increase in testing and a decrease in mother to child transmission from 25% to 1%.

Connecticut's HIV laws can be found at the following links:

NEW!

Routine Screening Recommendations for HIV and HCV!

Hepatitis Testing C and HIV-Related Testing	19a-7o	Chapter 368a - Department of Public Health (ct.gov) (HCV Replacement Language Pending)
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PrEP/PEP Drug Assistance Program!

Pre-exposure and Post-exposure Prophylaxis Drug Assistance Program	19a-112h	https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_368a.htm (Replacement Language Pending)
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Individual Links to HIV statutes:

Syringe Services Programs (Drug User Health)	19a-124	Chapter 368a - Department of Public Health (ct.gov)
Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP)	19a-127r	Chapter 368a - Department of Public Health (ct.gov)
General Consent for HIV Testing	19a-582	Chapter 368x - AIDS Testing and Medical Information (ct.gov)
Limitations on Disclosure of HIV Information (Confidentiality)	19a-583	Chapter 368x - AIDS Testing and Medical Information (ct.gov)
Informing and Warning Partners of Possible HIV Exposure	19a-584	Chapter 368x - AIDS Testing and Medical Information (ct.gov)
Disclosure of HIV Information	19a-585	Chapter 368x - AIDS Testing and Medical Information (ct.gov)

HIV Testing for Insurance Purposes	19a-586	Chapter 368x - AIDS Testing and Medical Information (ct.gov)
HIV Testing, Prevention (PrEP) and Treatment of Minors for HIV	19a-592	Chapter 368x - AIDS Testing and Medical Information (ct.gov)
HIV Testing of Pregnant Women and Newborns	19a-593	Chapter 368x - AIDS Testing and Medical Information (ct.gov)

Individual Links to STD Statutes

Examination or Treatment of Minors for STDs	19a-216	Chapter 368e - Municipal Health Authorities (ct.gov)
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Individual Links to SUD Statutes (Good Samaritan Laws)

Anyone can Administer Naloxone Without Liability or Penalty	17a-714a	Chapter 319j - Addiction Services
Criminal Immunity to Anyone Seeking Medical Help for Overdose	21a-279	Chapter 420b - Dependency-Producing Drugs (ct.gov)
Vending Machine for Access to Clean Syringes	PA 21-192	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/BA/PDF/2021SB-00895-R01-BA.PDF