



Riverside County
Public Health

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Dear Colleague:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication to improving and caring for the health of our community. I know the importance you place on maintaining the health of your patients and providing them with opportunities to promote good health. Your efforts "on the ground" and your collaborations with, and contributions to Public Health are greatly appreciated.

At this time I am writing to inform you of an important new development that can support the on-going health of your patients. HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP is a vital new HIV prevention option for your patients who are uninfected with HIV but may be at high risk of acquiring it. You may have already heard of PrEP or received correspondence from the California Department of Public Health supporting its use and describing its benefits for high risk, uninfected individuals.

As the Riverside County Public Health Officer, I support the use of PrEP as a first-line public health strategy and strongly encourage you to learn more about it and its applicability for your at-risk patients, including but by no means limited to gay men and other men who have sex with men, transgender persons, persons who inject drugs, and others at high risk of infection. The treatment regimens are straightforward and require only minimal time during your already busy clinic visits, and PrEP can play a significant role in protecting these patients and our community from further HIV infection. Please take a moment to review the attached information on PrEP and visit the web resources listed to find out how PrEP can be an effective tool in maintaining the health of your patients and significantly decreasing the number of new HIV infections in our community.

Thank you for all you do to keep Riverside County healthy.

Attentively,

Cameron Kaiser, MD
Public Health Officer
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PrEP Resources for Providers

PrEP Clinical Practice Guidelines

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/prepguidelines2014.pdf>

CDC PrEP Factsheet

http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/PrEP_fact_sheet_final.pdf

Financial assistance may be available to individuals seeking PrEP, whether they have insurance or not. The Fair Pricing Coalition website has a concise summary of PrEP assistance programs.

<http://fairpricingcoalition.org/medication-assistance-program-and-co-pay-programs-for-prep/>

PrEP Clinical Consultant telephone line at (855) 448-7737 or (855) HIV-PrEP is available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. PST.

Free technical assistance and training on PrEP and clinical practice provided by The Pacific AIDS Education & Training Center (PAETC):

www.PAETC.org, e-mail: paetcmail@ucsf.edu or telephone (415) 476-6153.

Free technical assistance and training on PrEP, clinical practice and community engagement provided by The San Francisco Department of Public Health:

www.getsfcba.org, e-mail: GET.SFCBA@SFDPH.ORG or telephone: (415) 437-6226

Free training or technical assistance on PrEP provided by the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS (CDPH/OA)

e-mail: PrEP@cdph.ca.gov to arrange

In an effort to ensure access to PrEP is available throughout the state, CDPH/OA has developed a Directory of California PrEP Providers available on the CDPH/OA website:

www.cdph.ca.gov/OAPrEP.

The directory will be updated regularly in order to provide up-to-date accurate information to clients interested in PrEP. If you would like to add yourself and/or your clinic as a PrEP provider in the directory, please contact PrEP@cdph.ca.gov.