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## Technical Bulletin

**Date:** July 9, 2021  
**Topic:** PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) and PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis)  
**Contact:** Preston Tang, Health Program Specialist, Nevada Office of HIV  
**To:** All Health Care Providers and Pharmacists

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health- Office of HIV is collaborating with the Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County District, and Carson City Health and Human Services to kick off an exciting new project to expand HIV prevention and care services in the State of Nevada and we are hoping that your practice and/or pharmacy can help us in this endeavor.

Public Health Detailing is a process where a trained professional from the local health departments will schedule a short, in-person or virtual visit with you to discuss [PrEP \(Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis\) and PEP \(Post-Exposure Prophylaxis\)](#) and offer tools, solutions, and support around implementing these easily prescribable medications to your patients in your practice or pharmacy. The Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Office of HIV, and our local health departments are dedicated to reducing both the impact and incidence of HIV by working in partnership with local health providers and pharmacies to have a greater effect on populations who do not receive care from Infectious Disease providers and/or in clinic settings. We also hope this initiative will give us the opportunity to learn more from you about how our local health departments can support your medical and pharmacy practice and the health of your patient community.

Nevada has the highest rate (16.6) of new HIV infections in the Western U.S. (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2018). Clark County, as the most populous county in Nevada, has a new HIV infection rate of 19.8, which is higher than the overall state rate. In 2018, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated that while one in five people living with HIV in Clark County is unaware of their status, only 11% had been tested in the past year. Reducing the number of new HIV infections remains a public health priority and providing preventative therapies such as PrEP or PEP are essential health services that fit within the State and Clark County Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan. However, we cannot reach our goals without the assistance and support of providers and pharmacists like you.

We look forward to partnering with you to initiate or enhance PrEP/PEP services within your medical and pharmacy practice and we look forward to hearing from you to schedule a Public Health Detailing session. For more information, or to schedule a detailing session, please contact:

- Southern Nevada Health District at (702) 759-1381
- Washoe County Health District at (775) 328-6147
- Carson City Health and Human Services at (775) 283-7538

For more information, please check out the PrEP webpage at:

<http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/programs/office-of-epidemiology-and-disease-surveillance/pre-exposure-prophylaxis/>

Questions:

For updated guidance, please review the DPBH Technical Bulletin [website](#) and the Nevada Health Response [website](#) regularly. E-mail Preston Tang, Health Program Specialist I, with the Nevada Office of HIV at [ptang@health.nv.gov](mailto:ptang@health.nv.gov) or call 702-486-6488 with questions regarding the contents of this Technical Bulletin.



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