

Hep Free NYC

Building capacity to prevent, manage, and treat hepatitis B and C in NYC

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The Need

250,000 people in New York City live with hepatitis (Hep) B or C. This serious liver infection can lead to liver disease and cancer. Hepatitis affects the lives of vulnerable New Yorkers who face numerous barriers to accessing crucial hepatitis prevention and care.

Who We Are

Active since 2004, Hep Free NYC is a citywide network of stakeholders working together to create a hepatitis free New York City. Together, partners seek to build their capacity to prevent, manage and treat hepatitis B and C. Hep Free NYC includes the **NYC Hep B Coalition** and **NYC Hep C Task Force**.



The NYC Hep B Coalition is a network of more than **40** community organizations, health care facilities, providers, and patient advocates. At quarterly meetings, Coalition members share and learn about Hep B resources and collaborate on projects to address Hep B in their communities.

Current Coalition Initiatives

- ▶ **TEAM HBV NYC:** Student-led Hep B awareness initiative.
- ▶ **COALITION AGAINST HEPATITIS FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN ORIGIN (CHIPO) NYC:** Tailoring Hep B education and prevention for African communities.



The NYC Hep C Task Force is a network of more than **80** community organizations, health care facilities, providers, and patient advocates. Task Force members meet in each borough twice a year to network, share resources, and collaborate on new initiatives.

Current Task Force Initiatives

- ▶ **HEP C PREVENTION IN YOUTH:** Empowering young people to prevent a new wave of Hep C infections among peers.
- ▶ **HEP C CONSUMER COMMITTEE:** Educating people impacted by Hep C about current medication treatments, policy updates, and advocacy efforts.

Joint Coalition and Task Force Initiatives

- ▶ **LGBTQ INITIATIVE:** Engaging and uniting the LGBTQ community to advance Hep B and C awareness, screening, and access to care through education, outreach, and advocacy.
- ▶ **FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE:** Building capacity of faith-based institutions to raise awareness about Hep B and C in their community and advance screening, prevention, and care.
- ▶ **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Guiding Hep Free NYC communications strategy and activities.
- ▶ **AWARENESS DAY PANNING COMMITTEE:** Organizes Hepatitis awareness day commemorations.

To get involved, email hep@health.nyc.gov