

# Hep Free NYC - Hep C Task Force Meeting Advancing Viral Hepatitis Efforts

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*Envisioning a New York City without transmission or illness related to viral hepatitis, HIV, and sexually transmitted infections.*

# Bureau of Hepatitis, HIV, and Sexually Transmitted Infections

## **Vision:**

A New York City without transmission or illness related to viral hepatitis, HIV, and sexually transmitted infections

## **Mission:**

Improve the lives of New Yorkers by ending transmission, illness, stigma, and inequities related to viral hepatitis, HIV, and sexually transmitted infections

## Syndemic approach to addressing hepatitis, HIV, and STIs in NYC

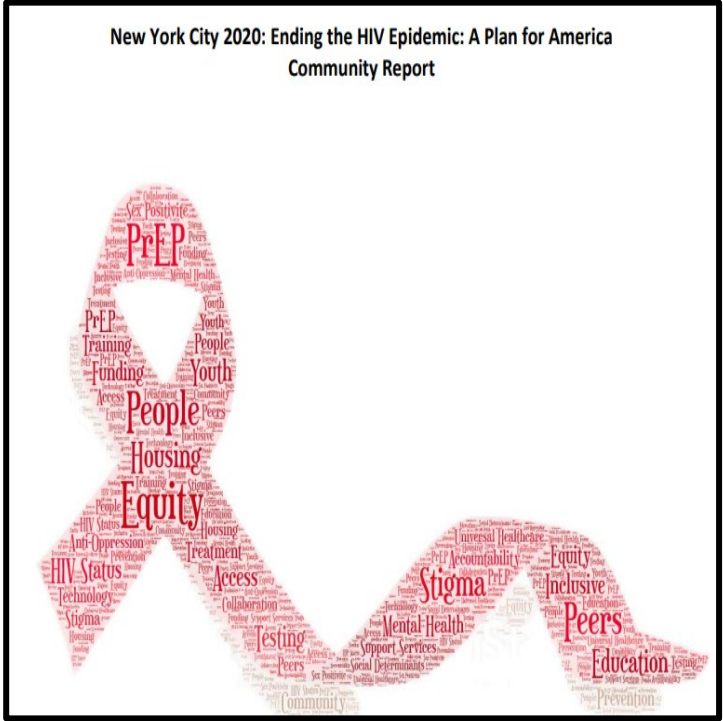
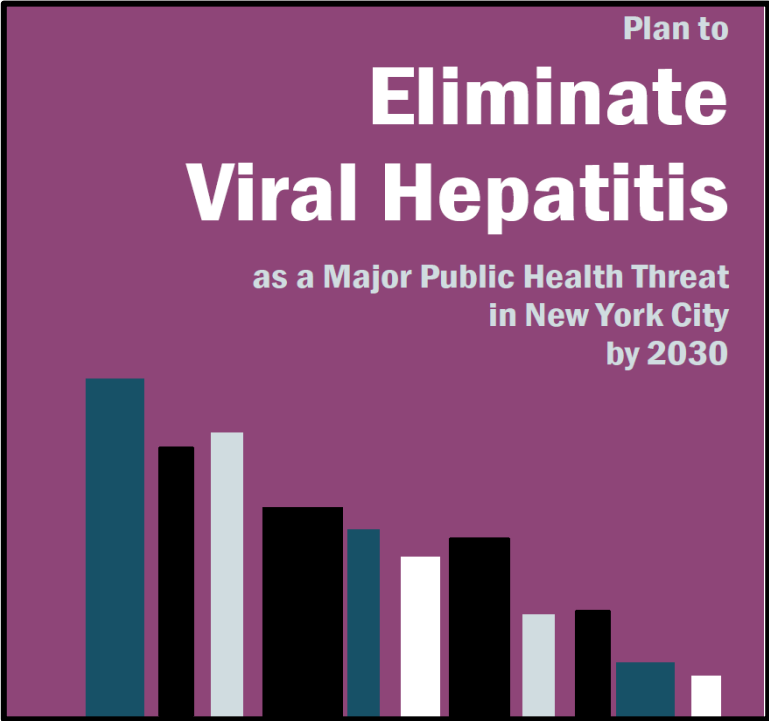
- Characterize and address the common drivers of hepatitis, HIV, and STIs
- Promoting integration of services
- Implementing a status neutral approach to HIV prevention
- Internally, within BHHS
  - Promote collaboration across programs
  - Sharing resources to support work, including related to Hep B and C

# Eliminating viral hepatitis in NYC

Support the implementation of the Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan by:

- Promoting a health equity approach in monitoring and responding to the viral hepatitis epidemic in NYC
- Strengthening collaborations within the DOHMH
- Supporting community partnerships

# Viral Hepatitis and HIV Elimination Plans are aligned



# Programs advancing HIV and Viral Hepatitis

- Using HIV grants to support integration of routine HIV and Hep C screening and linkage to care into four substance use treatment facilities
  - START; La Casa de Salud; Project Renewal; and CSEDNY
  - Overall screening rate in 2021 was 83%
  - Incorporating Hep C patient navigators to increase access to testing services

Note: Grants include HRSA PROSPER (2020-2025), CDC End the Epidemic (2021-2024), and CDC Hep Integrated (2020-2025)

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- Using HIV grants to implement Hep C telemedicine at two substance use treatment facilities
- Working in collaboration with Mount Sinai REACH to support:
  - ACI and Elev8
  - Incorporating patient navigators to increase telehealth visit attendance

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- Providing Hep B and C clinical education and technical assistance for HIV service providers
- Promoting Empire Liver Foundation to HIV facilities with a high volume of patients co-infected with Hep C and HIV

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# Collaborations between HIV and Viral Hepatitis

- Viral Hepatitis Program-sponsored provider education events are advertised through *New York Knows'* network of HIV service providers
- HIV providers have added Hep C indicators to their data tracking systems
- HIV funds are supporting a new Viral Hepatitis Elimination Coordinator position who will be working on engaging key stakeholders in implementing the Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan

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