

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 200 of 2012**  
**Section 809**  
**Cooperated Efforts with MDCH for HIV and Hepatitis C**

The department, in conjunction with efforts to implement prisoner re-entry, shall cooperate with the MDCH to share data and information as they relate to prisoners being released who are HIV positive or positive for the hepatitis C antibody. By March 1, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on all of the following:

- (a) Programs and the location of programs implemented as a result of the work under this section.
- (b) The number of prisoners released to the community by parole, discharge on the maximum sentence, or transfer to community residential placement who are HIV positive, positive for the hepatitis C antibody, or both.
- (c) The number of parolees and offenders discharged on the maximum sentence who are HIV or hepatitis C positive by paroling office as reported to the state department of community health for referral to the local public health department.

**A. Programs**

All offenders coming into the prison system, whether they are returning or new, with the exception of parole violators, are educated about HIV. If they are HIV positive they will be referred to an infectious disease doctor. Information is elicited about their sexual and needle-sharing partners so that they may be contacted about the potential risk of infection and provided risk reduction information and testing. Any additional medical issues or concerns are noted during this educational session. All HIV-infected prisoners are informed of the availability of additional care services specific to their HIV/AIDS diagnosis, and how access to these services may be systematically acquired.

If an offender has been recently diagnosed as HIV positive they also receive one follow-up visit while at the reception center. There is also an HIV Peer Education program given during orientation for all incoming inmates. Offenders selected to lead this program must successfully complete the Michigan Department of Community Health's (MDCH) Module I Counselor Certification Trainer Course, and be able to present basic HIV/STD/TB and Hepatitis A, B and C information to their fellow peers. These peer educators are routinely updated on latest disease developments and prevention theory.

**MDCH and MDOC Collaboration: Young Adults with Hepatitis C Virus Project**

In August 2011, MDCH received funding from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The purpose of this funding was to conduct enhanced surveillance for Hepatitis C Virus

(HCV) within the young adult population. The rate of infection of HCV in young adults has seen a steady increase in Michigan in recent years. As a result, MDCH attempted to conduct phone interviews with all HCV cases reported from July 2011 to April 2012 that were between the ages of 18 and 25. The intent was to obtain demographic, behavioral and clinical information related to participants' HCV infections to quantify the hepatitis risk factors among new young adult hepatitis cases, to utilize the information gained to prevent new cases of HCV, and to provide services to individuals who already have HCV.

There were 632 cases of HCV among 18-25 year olds reported to the MDCH from July 1, 2011 to April 31, 2012. Of those 632 cases, 112 (18 percent) were residing in a State of Michigan correctional facility. The decision was made to collaborate with MDOC to conduct in-person interviews, while MDCH staff conducted phone interviews with non-MDOC young adult Hepatitis C cases. The MDOC nurses were willing and able to conduct in-person interviews of the MDOC young adult Hepatitis C cases.

Hepatitis C case outreach began February 2012. Project participants were recruited on a voluntary basis and were not provided any incentive to join in the project. A total of 68 interviews were completed by August 2012. Of the 68 cases interviewed, 31 (46 percent) were housed in the MDOC at the time of their interview. In total, 25 percent of the young adult HCV cases in the MDOC were successfully interviewed, which was a higher response rate than the non-MDOC young adult HCV cases.

The data collected from this collaborative project has contributed to viral hepatitis outreach and educational efforts within the State of Michigan. The data was used to develop a summary report and factsheet which were distributed to the Communicable Disease surveillance and prevention staff and epidemiologists throughout the State of Michigan. In addition, the project findings have been presented to a variety of groups including CDC representatives, the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Workgroup, and the MDCH HIV/STD/VH/TB Epidemiology Section. The Young Adult HCV factsheet and full report can be found at: [http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132-2940\\_2955\\_2982\\_45996\\_46712-170009--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132-2940_2955_2982_45996_46712-170009--,00.html)

## **B. HIV Hepatitis C Testing**

The number of prisoners paroled/discharged in 2012 with a positive diagnosis for HIV, HEP C, or HIV/HEP C was 1,042.

HIV	HEP C	HIV/HEPC
66	962	14

## **C. Parole/Discharge**

Of the 1,042 HIV, HEP C, and HIV/HEP C diagnosed prisoners that were released to the community in 2012, 957 were paroled in Michigan. The remainder were paroled out of state, or discharged on the maximum sentence. The MDOC does not track out of state parolees, and those discharged on the maximum sentence are not legally bound to report their whereabouts.

Therefore, only prisoners who were paroled in Michigan can be tracked. The parole offices that received parolees, and the number of parolees each received, are listed below.

<b>Parole Office</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Parole Office</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Parole Office</b>	<b>Count</b>
Adrian	5	Detroit SAI Parole Aftercare	12	Manistee	1
Alcona	1	Detroit, MCOIT	5	Marquette	4
Allegan	4	Escanaba	4	Midland	8
Ann Arbor	18	Flint	31	Mio	2
Antrim	2	Gaylord	2	Monroe	15
Atlanta	1	Gladwin	2	Mt Clemens	66
Bad Axe	3	Grand Haven	1	Mt Pleasant	6
Battle Creek	9	Grand Rapids	78	Munising	1
Bay City	7	Grayling	1	Muskegon	19
Benton Harbor	24	Hastings	3	Newberry	1
Cadillac	2	Hillsdale	2	Paw Paw	8
Caro	2	Holland	5	Petoskey	5
Cassopolis	1	Houghton	4	Pontiac	114
Centreville	6	Howell	12	Port Huron	10
Charlevoix	2	Ionia	4	Rogers City	3
Charlotte	4	Iron Mountain	6	Roscommon	2
Cheboygan	5	Jackson	9	Saginaw	21
Clare	3	Kalamazoo	22	Sault Ste. Marie	4
Coldwater	3	Kalkaska	3	Standish	1
Corunna	5	Lake City	1	Stanton	5
Crystal Falls	1	Lake County	15	Tawas City	3
Detroit Lahser	1	Lansing	25	Traverse City	7
Detroit Metro	202	Lapeer	4	Tuscola RRP	7
Detroit Outer District	26	Lincoln Park	18	Waterford	35
Detroit Reentry Center	3	Ludington	2	West Branch	5