

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 59 of 2013**  
**Section 809**  
**Cooperated Efforts with MDCH for HIV and Hepatitis C**

The department, in conjunction with efforts to implement the 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, are educated about HIV/HEP C. If they are HIV/HEP C 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/HEP C 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: HCV Surveillance Data Collection**

In 2013, MDCH and MDOC discussed efforts that MDOC staff took to perform a greater number of medical record reviews and/or interviews of HCV-positive prisoners, to determine risk factors for HCV acquisition. The information gathered would be transcribed into the Disease Surveillance System and would eventually be transmitted to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In the summer of 2013, MDOC started increased HCV surveillance data collection at the Reception and Guidance Center (RGC). Every male offender that comes through RGC for processing, whether for a new commitment or a parole violator technical return, undergoes HCV and HIV screening.

There were 786 new HCV cases and out of those cases 199 (25 percent) had the risk information completed by MDOC. From previous years, MDOC has completed about 180 more cases which is an approximate 900 percent improvement from last year.

**B. HIV / Hepatitis C Testing**

The number of prisoners paroled/discharged in 2013 with a positive diagnosis for HIV, HEP C, or HIV/HEP C was 1,342.

<b>HIV</b>	<b>HEP C</b>	<b>HIV/HEPC</b>
<b>64</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>17</b>

**C. Parole/Discharge**

Of the 1,342 HIV, HEP C, and HIV/HEP C diagnosed prisoners that were released to the community in 2013, 1,170 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	9	Detroit Metro	194	Ludington	2
Alcona	1	Detroit Outer District	1	Manistee	2
Allegan	5	Detroit Reentry Center	153	Marquette	5
Alpena	2	Detroit SAI Parole Aftercare	7	Midland	3
Ann Arbor	19	Detroit, M-Coit	1	Mio	2
Antrim	4	Escanaba	7	Monroe	20
Bad Axe	3	Flint	34	Mt Clemens	77
Baldwin	1	Gaylord	3	Mt Pleasant	3
Battle Creek	11	Gladwin	3	Muskegon	32
Bay City	17	Grand Haven	1	Newberry	2
Benton Harbor	28	Grand Rapids	71	Paw Paw	10
Benzie	1	Grayling	3	Petoskey	5
Bessemer	1	Hastings	4	Pontiac	166
Big Rapids	4	Hillsdale	5	Port Huron	2
Cadillac	3	Holland	5	Reed City	2
Caro	3	Howell	14	Roscommon	2
Cassopolis	6	Ionia	3	Saginaw	17
Central Office - Parole	3	Iron Mountain	3	Sandusky	2
Centreville	7	Ithaca	3	Sault Ste. Marie	8
Charlevoix	2	Jackson	16	St Johns	2
Charlotte	3	Kalamazoo	32	Standish	2
Cheboygan	4	Kalkaska	1	Stanton	9
Clare	6	Lake County RRP	5	Tawas City	4
Coldwater	4	Lansing	18	Traverse City	9
Corunna	2	Lapeer	3	West Branch	4
Crystal Falls	4	Lincoln Park	46	White Cloud	2