

Expansion of Syringe Service Programs in Michigan

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Overview



WHERE HAVE WE
COME FROM?



WHERE WE ARE



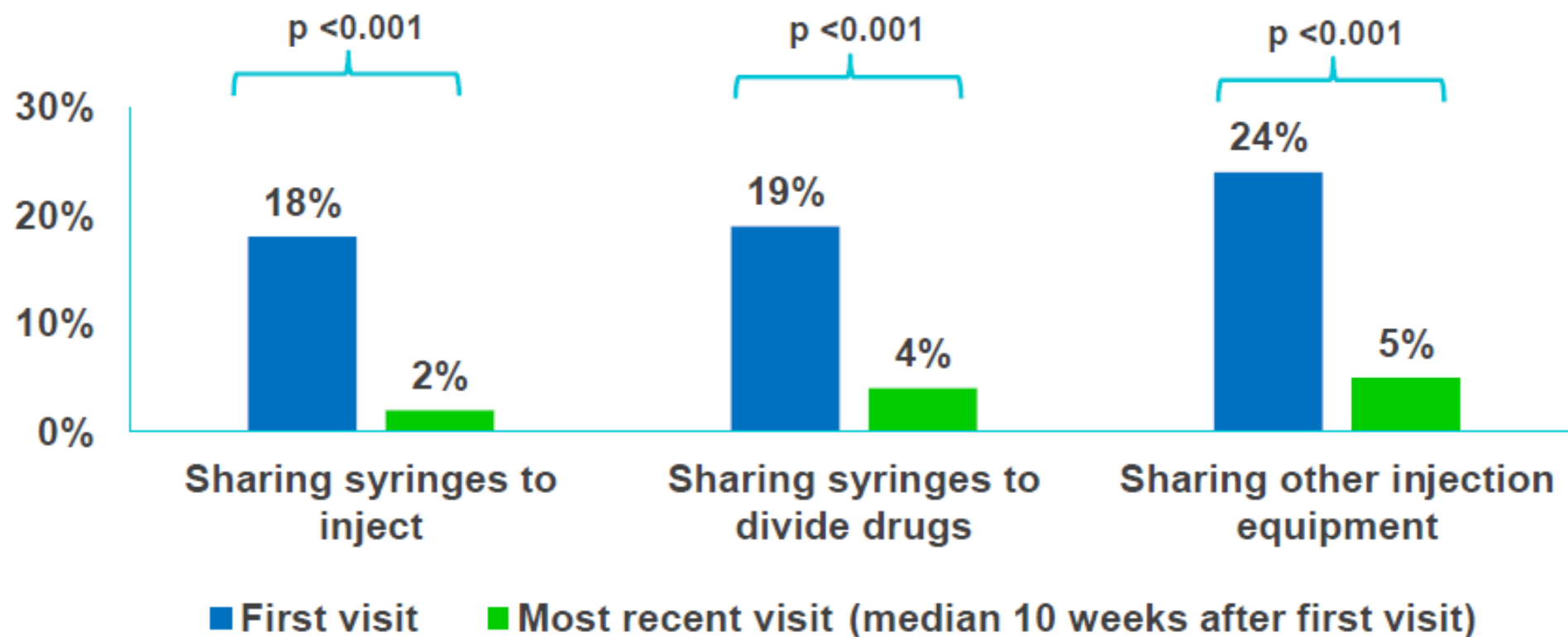
ARE WE MAKING
PROGRESS?



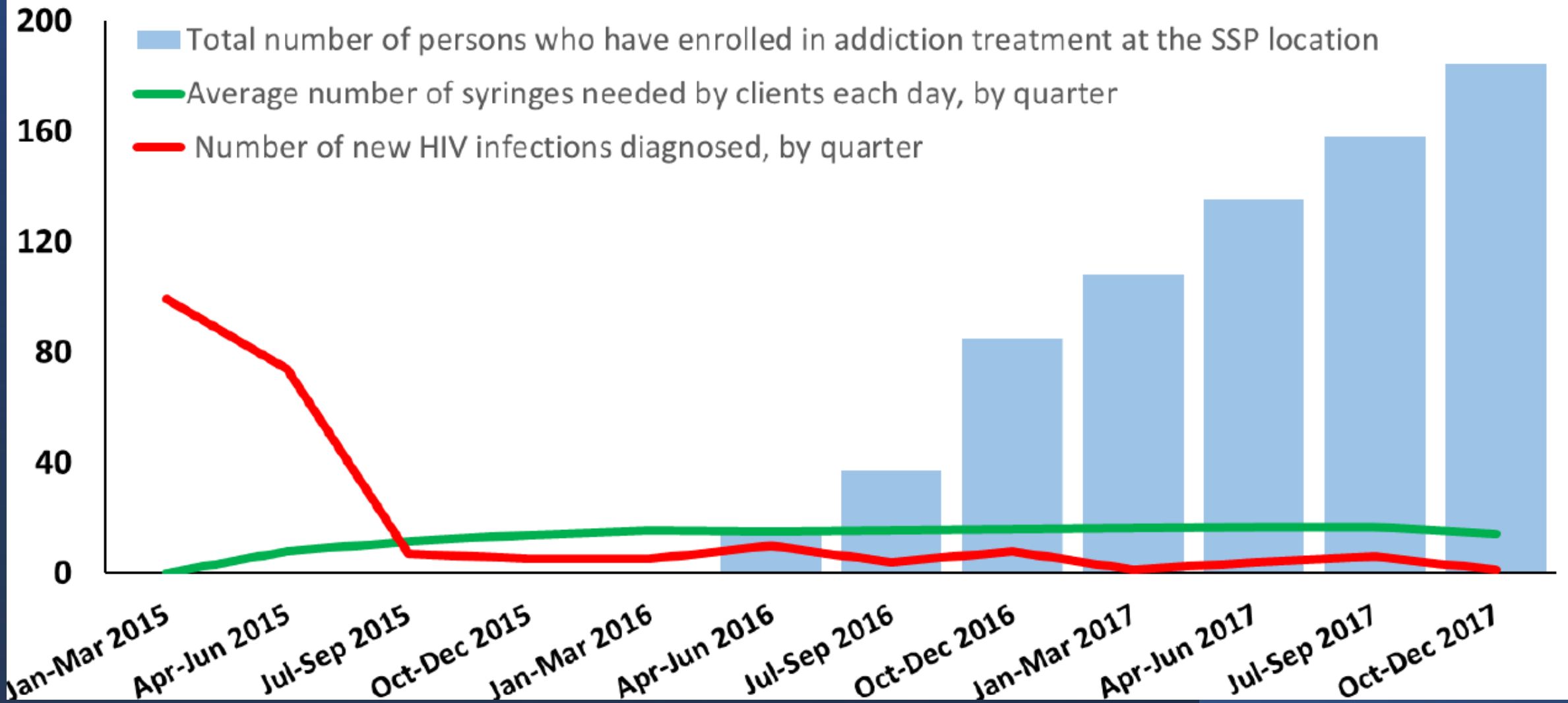
WHAT MORE CAN
WE DO?

Impact of Syringe Exchange in Scott County

- Reductions in sharing syringes and injection equipment (n=148)



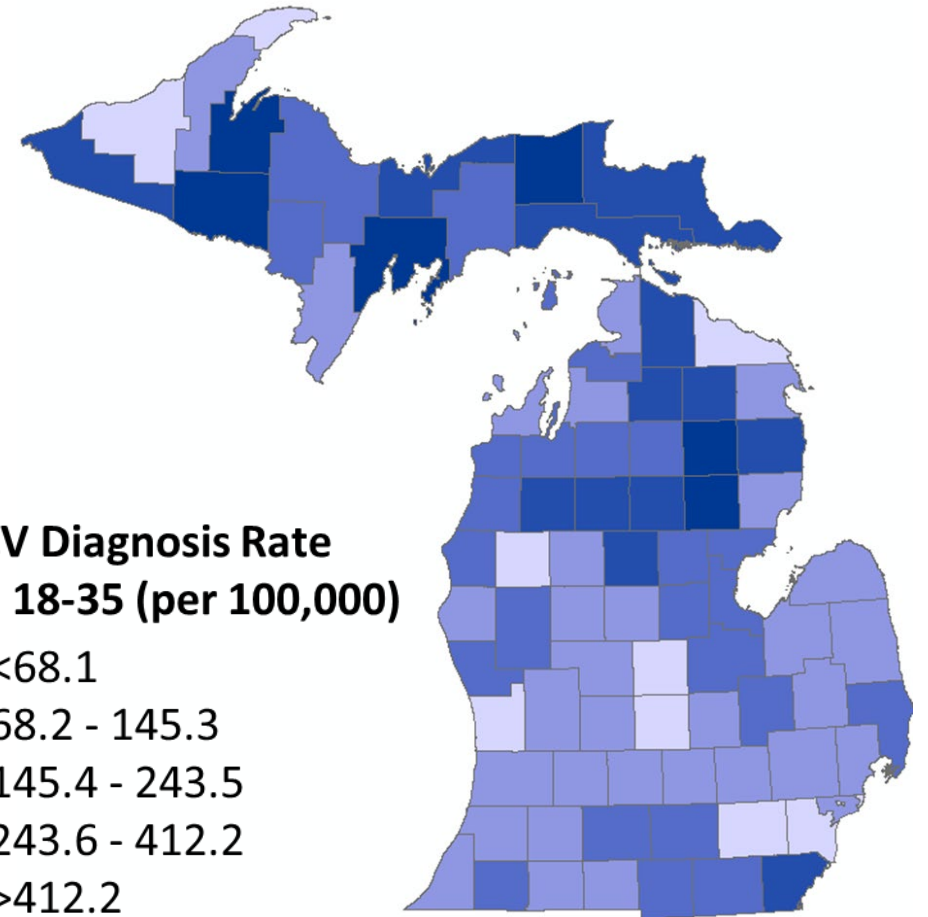
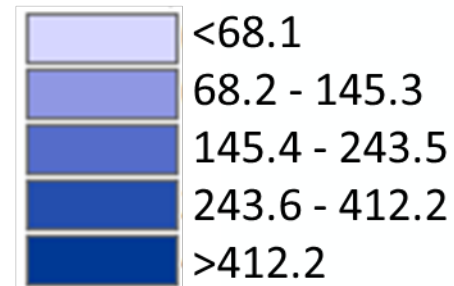
Progress in Scott County



Demographics and County Rate Map of New HCV Diagnoses among 18-35 Year Old's, Michigan 2018

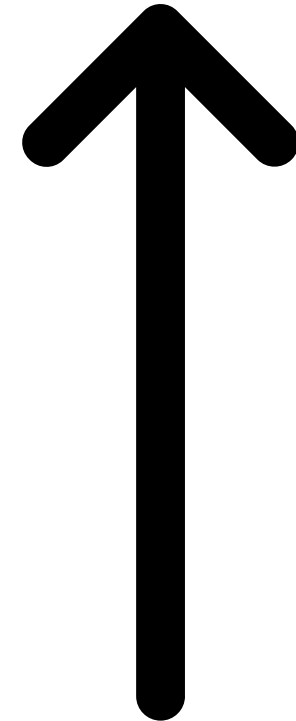
Age (n = 3062)		
Median		29
Mean		28.3
Range		18 - 35
Sex (n = 3048)		Rate per 100,000
Female	1467 (48.1%)	140.6
Male	1581 (52.9%)	134.3
Race (n = 2292)		Rate per 100,000
White	2047 (89.3%)	123.3
Black	183 (8.0%)	51.4
American Indian	49 (2.1%)	396.5
Asian	13 (0.6%)	14.0
Hispanic Ethnicity (n = 1862)		Rate per 100,000
Hispanic or Latino	75 (4.0%)	Not Available
Not hispanic or Latino	1787 (96.0%)	Not Available
Arab Ethnicity (n = 1141)		Rate per 100,000
Arab Ethnicity	4 (0.4%)	Not Available
Non-Arab	1137 (99.6%)	Not Available
History of IVDU (n = 1289)		
Yes	1079 (83.7%)	
No	210 (16.3%)	

**2018 New HCV Diagnosis Rate
Persons Aged 18-35 (per 100,000)**

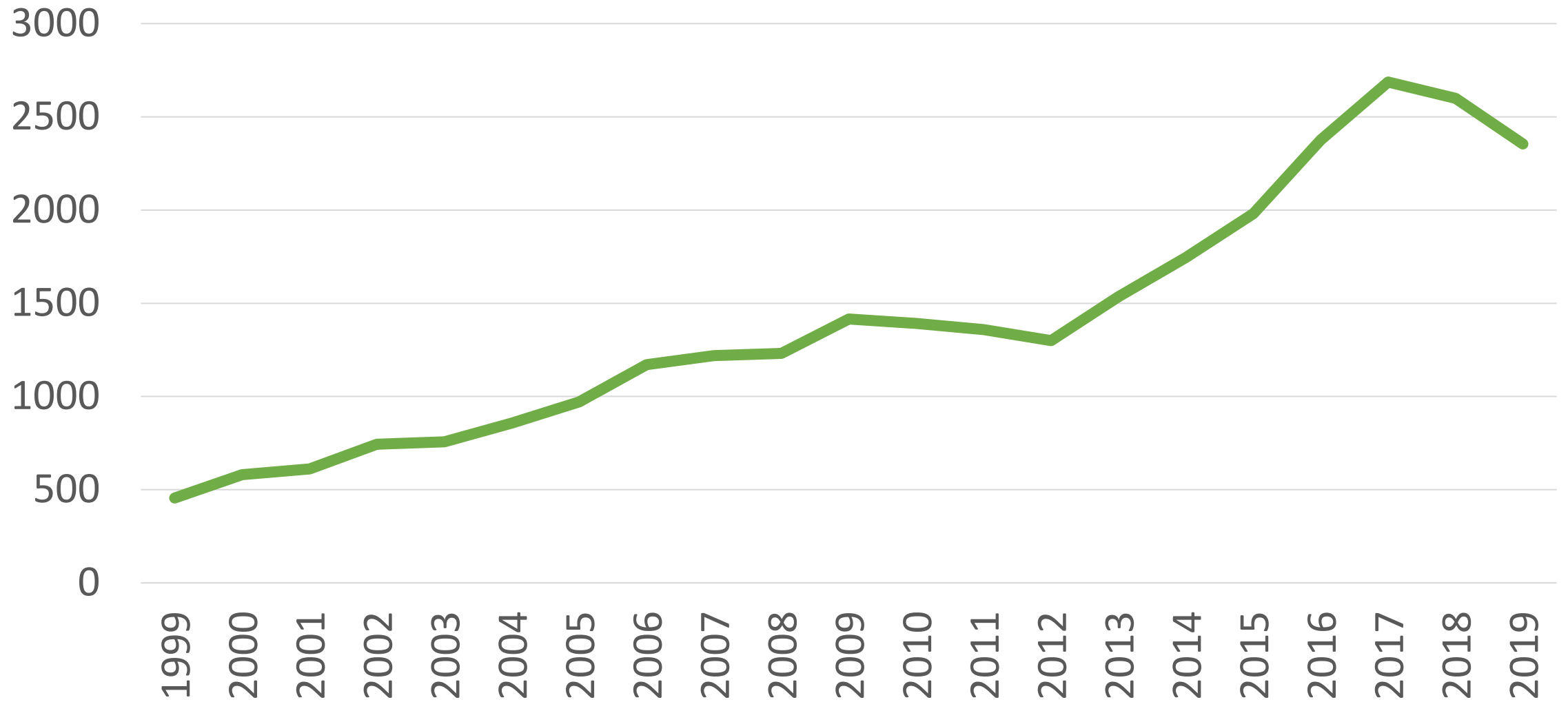


Percent Increase in Fatal Drug Poisonings from 2019 to 2020

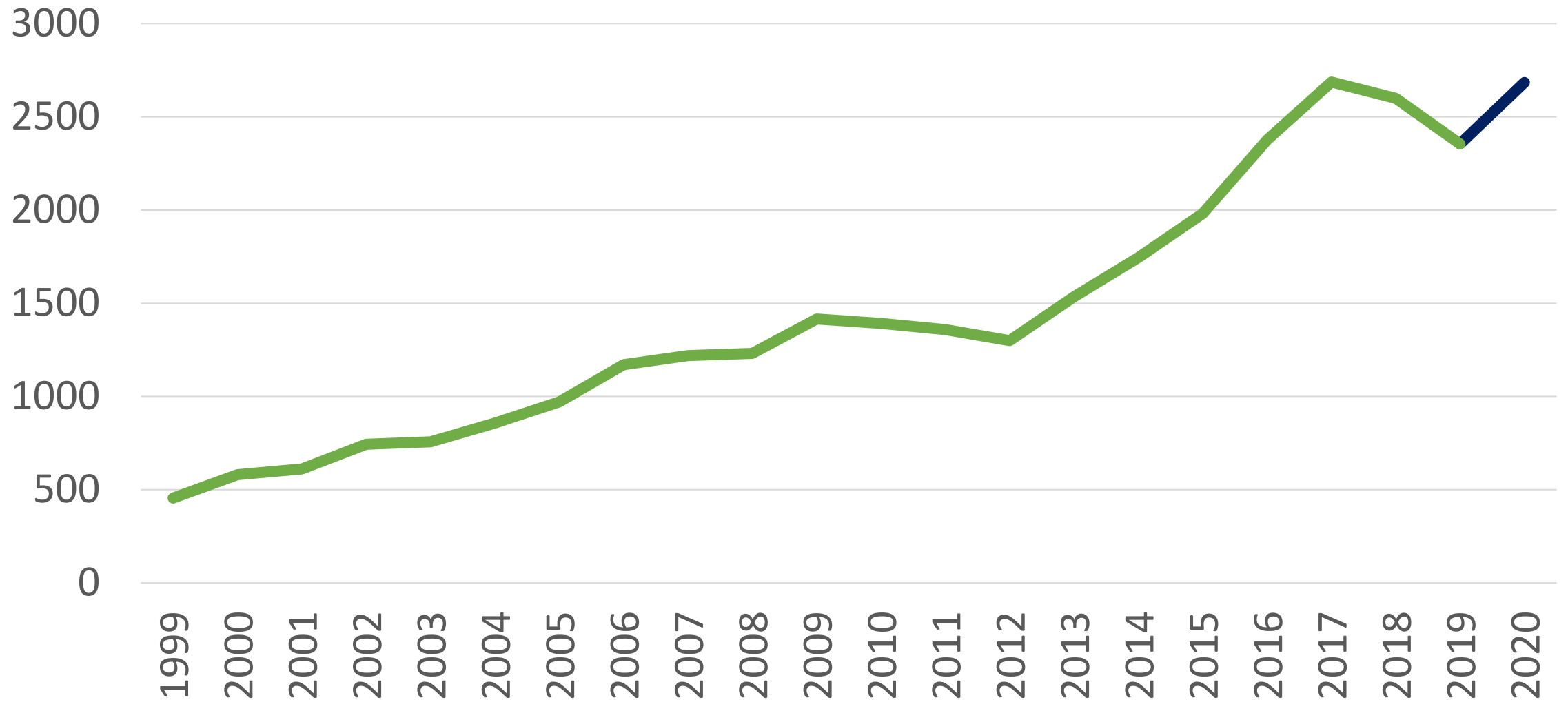
- **Michigan: 16.2%** increase
- Indiana: **33.1%** increase
- Wisconsin: **27.4%** increase
- Illinois: **27.3%** increase
- Ohio: **21.9%** increase



Number of Fatal Drug Poisonings, Michigan 1999-2019

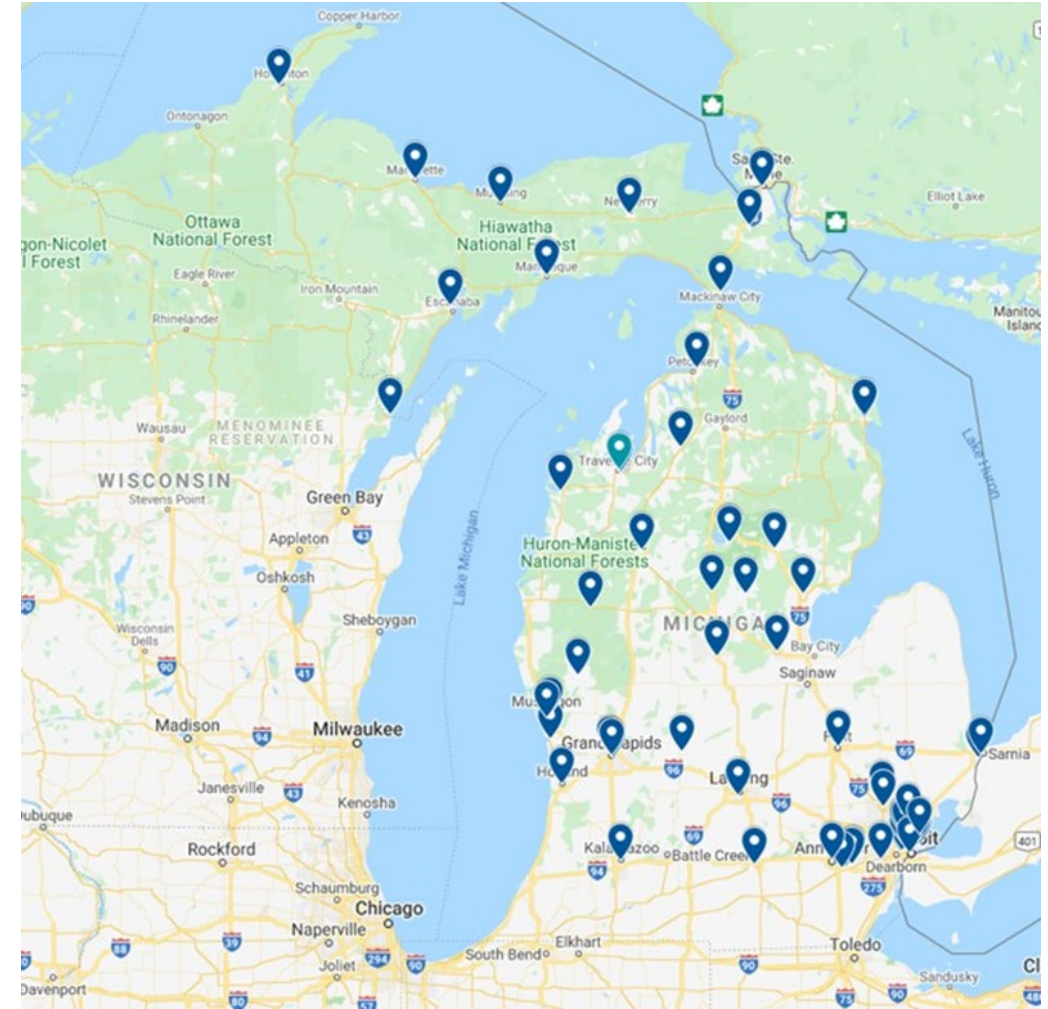


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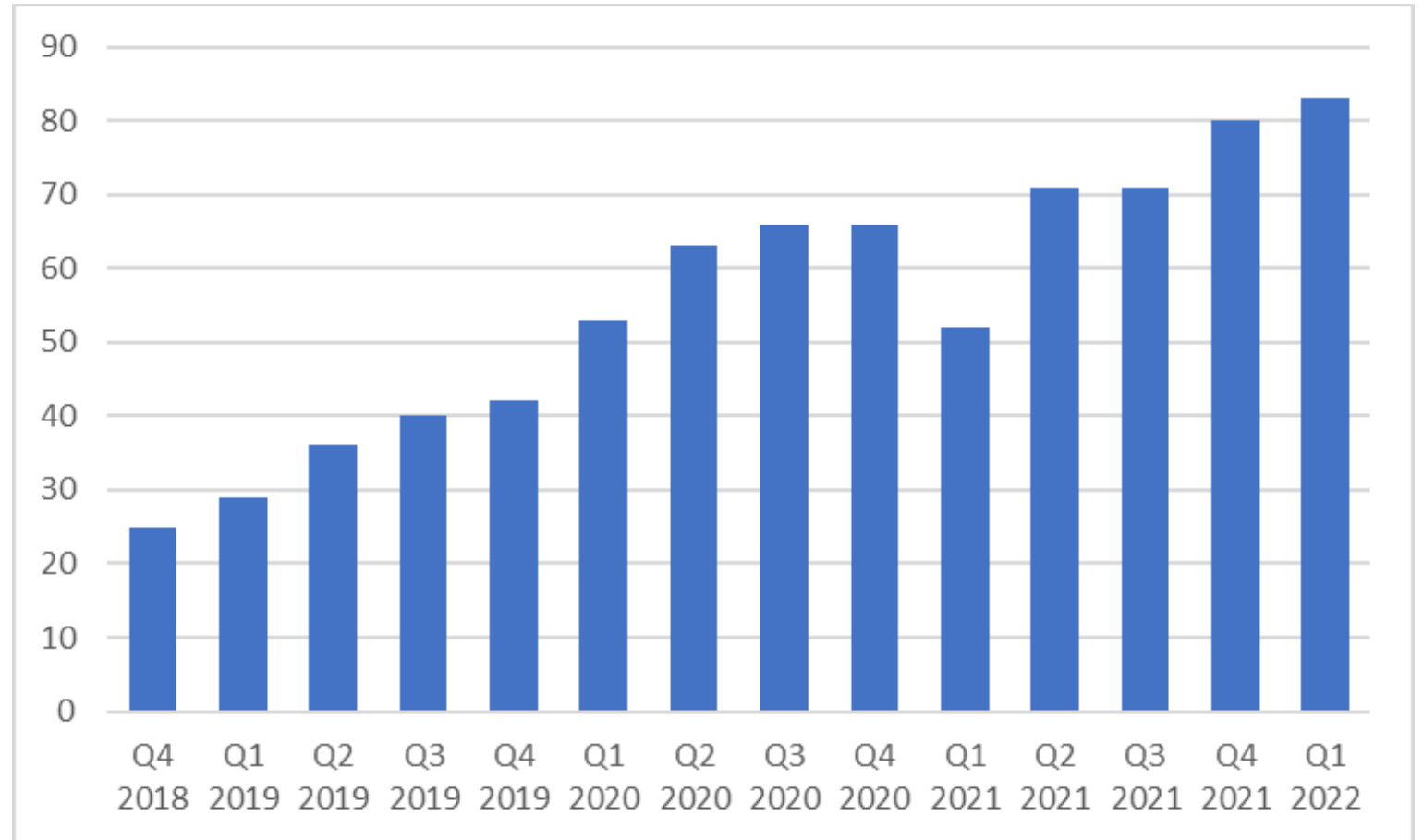


Michigan Syringe Service Program Strategy

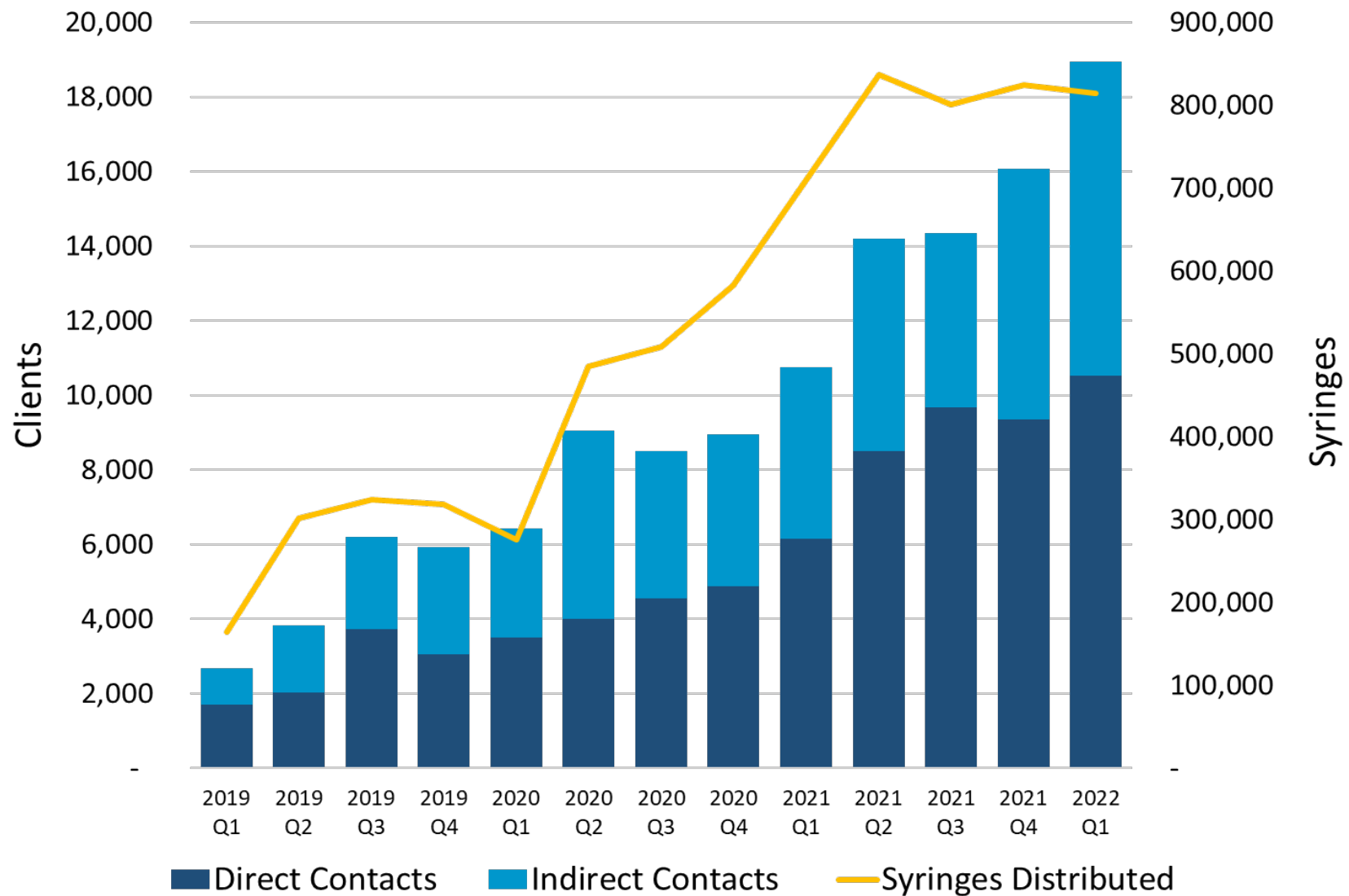
- Implemented Harm Reduction as a pillar in the Michigan Opioid Strategy
- SSPs should be available and accessible across the state
- With finite funding, we work to prioritize where we allocate resources
- Provide technical assistance and coordination for SSP successes
- Measure the impact of SSPs by evaluating progress while also demonstrating the return on investment
- Help to increase awareness and acceptance of the harm reduction approach



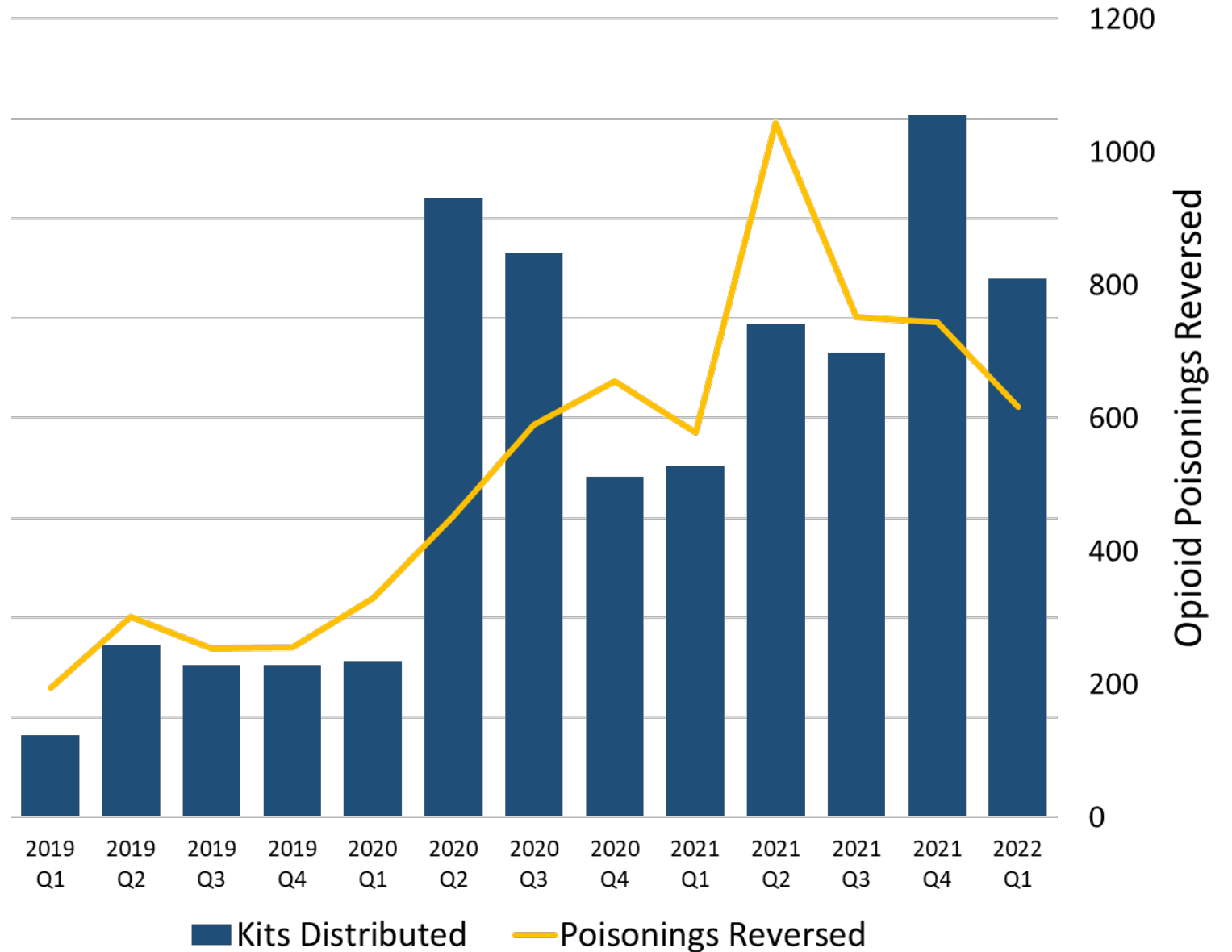
Operational SSP locations by quarter, 2018-2021



Clients Served & Syringes Distributed



Naloxone Kits Dispensed & Lives Saved



Since Quarter 4 2018

74,000+ client encounters

7.1 million syringes distributed

Nearly **6,000** clients referred to substance use treatment

97,000+ Naloxone kits distributed, and **6,800+** kits used

2,000+ clients tested for HIV infection

Over **1,300** clients tested for HCV infection

Priorities on the MDHHS Radar

- Clarity on the legality of SSP within a complicated web of federal, state, and local laws
- Increasing awareness of harm reduction both among populations who could benefit from services and the general public
 - Decreasing Stigma
- Increased focus on coordinating efforts in communities of greatest need
- Facilitating partnerships to formalize SSPs within the local opioid strategies
- Exploring additional opportunities to deliver services to clients outside of a traditional SSP setting:
 - Mail order supplies
 - Pharmacies
 - Emergency Departments
 - We Treat Hep C Initiative



Accessing mail-based harm reduction supplies

FOR PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS

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NEXT Distro is currently operational in our home state of New York, California, Michigan, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. We also partner with [Trac-B](#) in Las Vegas to support their mail-based harm reduction program. We're working with Health Departments in other states to support expansion. Our goal is to provide a national network of mail-based syringe access providers to support people who use drugs that cannot or will not access in-person resources.

A note about New York, California, and Michigan. These states have made longstanding commitments to ending AIDS, supporting drug user health, and proactive public health interventions. We are lucky to have significant harm reduction infrastructure in each state. For that reason, please check out [pre-existing harm reduction services](#) in your area in advance of filling out an enrollment application with NEXT. In-person syringe exchange programs are excellent places to receive non-

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Harm reduction is intertwined with the broader fight to abolish harm in healthcare, policy, and education. Read about our values and work >

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Welcome to NEXT Distro Michigan

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



NEXT is an online and mail-based harm reduction program. We believe everyone should have access to the tools they need to keep themselves safe and well. We have big dreams for how to build out an online hub for drug user health support. For now, we're making sure folks who use drugs have free, sterile syringes, naloxone, sharps containers, and safer injection supplies.

If you are a person who uses drugs and you have difficulty accessing syringes where you live, you can fill out the enrollment form below and we'll work to get you supplies. If you live within the catchment area of another syringe exchange program, we'll first check to make sure you aren't aware of in-person opportunities.

Our work in Michigan is made possible by an innovative partnership between NEXT and [Grand Rapids Red Project](#) and financial support from Vital Strategies.

If you have family or friends who you think should have Narcan on hand, please refer them to [nextdistro.org/michigan](#), they can become a trained opioid overdose responder and get intramuscular naloxone or intranasal Narcan mailed to them.



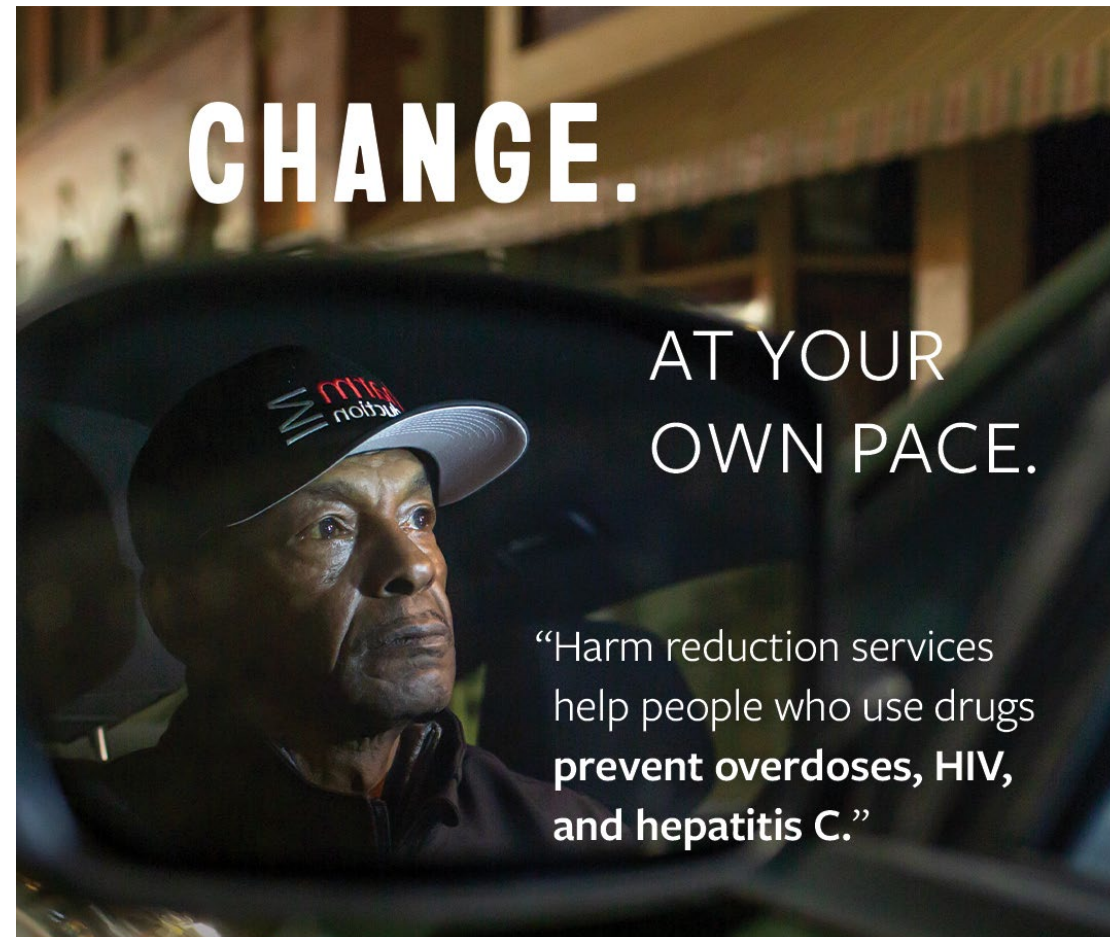
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AT YOUR OWN PACE.

“I care about
helping people
who use drugs
be safe.”



FIND NALOXONE NEAR YOU
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“Harm reduction services
help people who use drugs
prevent overdoses, HIV,
and hepatitis C.”



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Opioid Resources



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Change: At your own pace





Opioid Resources > Find Help > Change: At your own pace

PLEASE NOTE: Your personal information and the search criteria you enter into the locator is secure and anonymous. MDHHS does not collect or maintain any information you provide when using this locator.


Find Harm Reduction Services Near You

SYRINGE SERVICES

NALOXONE SITES

TREATMENT PROVIDERS

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Harm Reduction Michigan

1.5 mi

501 W Front St
Traverse City , MI
231-493-5124 (Call 24/7) | Monday through Friday 11:00am—2:00pm | www.harmreductionmi.org

Porch Recovery Center - Appointment Only

3.2 mi

1010 S. Garfield Center
Traverse City , MI
231-346-5226 | Monday through Friday 8:00am—4:00pm

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department - Appointment only

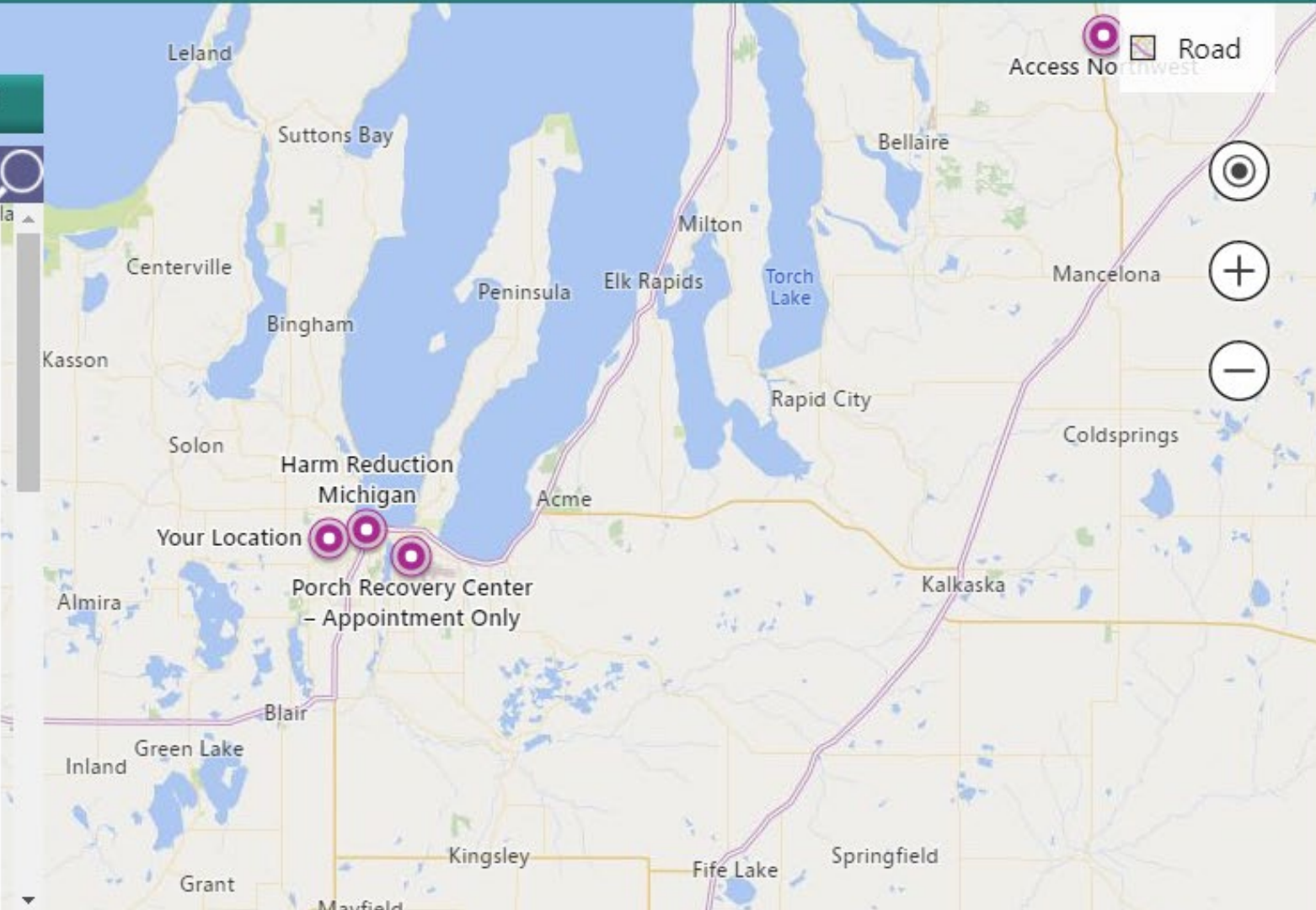
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6051 Frankfort Hwy
Benzonia, MI
Phone: (231) 882 - 6366


Access Northwest


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205 Grove St
Mancelona , MI
Phone: 1-800-432-4121 | Monday—Thursday call to request an appointment




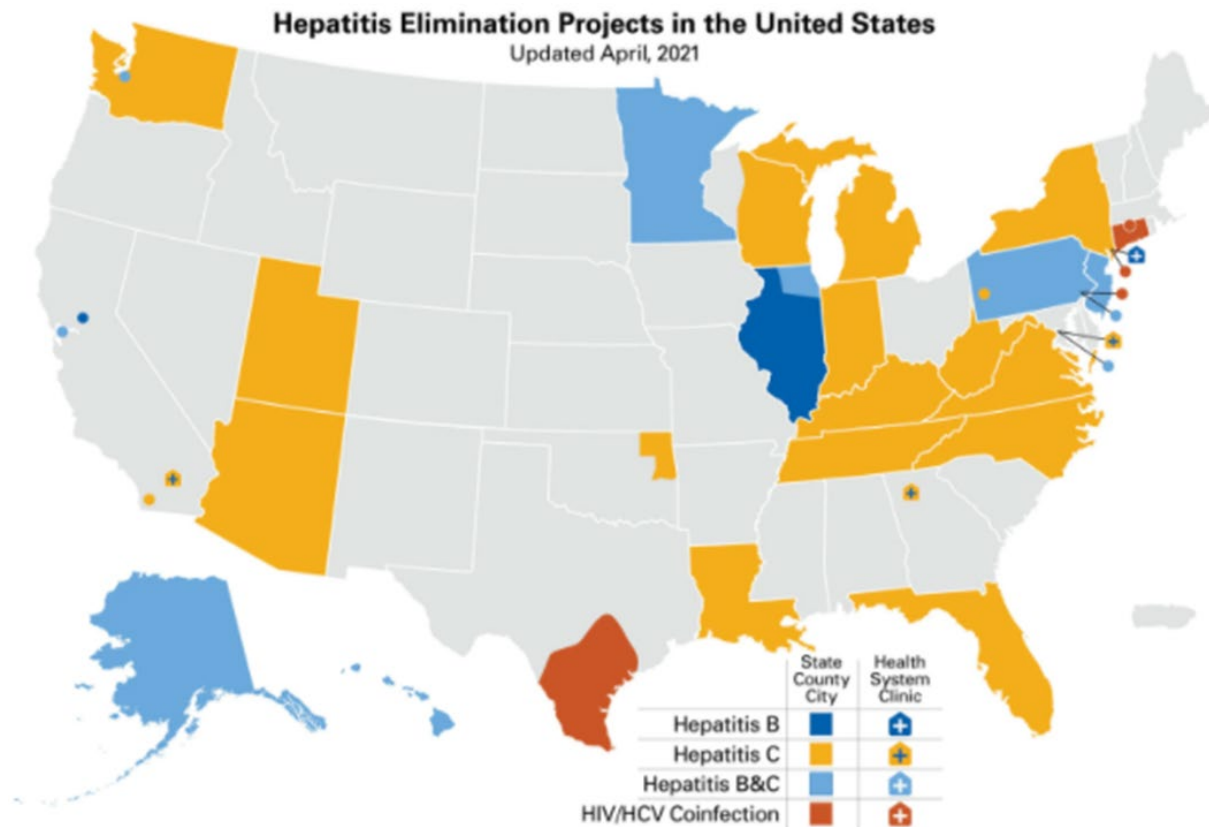
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Michigan's State Plan on Eliminating Hepatitis C





Hepatitis

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Hepatitis

Viral hepatitis is an infection that affects the liver. While there are at least five different types of hepatitis (A-E), the three most common types in the United States are hepatitis A, hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

Hepatitis A is an acute infection and people usually improve without treatment. Hepatitis B and hepatitis C can cause chronic, persistent infections, which can lead to chronic liver disease. There are vaccines to prevent hepatitis A and hepatitis B; however there is no vaccine for hepatitis C.



Thank You!

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- <https://www.michigan.gov/Opioids>
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