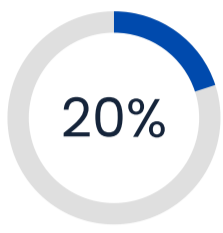


# Kentucky Hepatitis C Elimination Plan

To create a Commonwealth free of hepatitis C

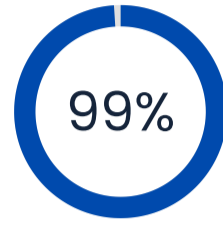
## Background



of chronic hepatitis C cases were enrolled in Medicaid at time of diagnosis

81

operational SSPs in 61 counties



of infections can be cured

78,000

Kentuckians are living with hepatitis C

## Priority Populations

- People who use drugs (PWUD)
- Incarcerated individuals
- Historically excluded racial & ethnic populations
- Baby boomers
- Pregnant/parenting persons
- Children in foster care
- People with prior HCV infection
- Rural communities

## Values

- Harm Reduction
- Priority population focus
- Centered voices of those with lived experience
- Health equity and inclusion of historically excluded groups
- “Status Neutral” approach for PWUD and others at increased risk for infection

## Goals

- 1 Prevent New Hepatitis C Infections
- 2 Promote Comprehensive HCV Testing and Treatment for Overall Improved Health Outcomes
- 3 Improve Hepatitis C Surveillance and Data Usage
- 4 Approach Hepatitis C Elimination in the Context of the Syndemic of Viral Hepatitis, HIV, Other Infectious Diseases, and Substance Use Disorders



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Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Kentucky's Hepatitis C Elimination Plan was created in partnership with community stakeholders including those from: medical and mental health providers, pharmacists, researchers, representatives from the Dept. for Medicaid Services, Dept. of Corrections, harm reduction, community based programs and those with lived experience.