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## MAY 2020 EDITION



### GetNaloxoneNow

Save a Life

#### ONLINE NALOXONE ORDERING AND TRAININGS

Individuals can go to [getnaloxonenow.org](http://getnaloxonenow.org) and anyone with a Virginia zip code can receive a certificate free of charge for free naloxone. The website has a virtual training option for how/when to use naloxone. At the bottom of the webpage you can enter your email address to subscribe to the GetNaloxoneNow newsletter.

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services is also offering online trainings of the REVIVE! curriculum weekly. Training information can be found on their website at <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/behavioral-health/substance-abuse-services/revive>.

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## HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH

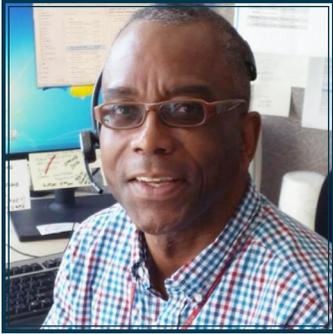
May is Hepatitis Awareness month and this year we are celebrating the recently updated Hepatitis C (HCV) screening recommendations. As of 2020, the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends a once in a lifetime HCV test for all adults ages 18 and older and increased testing for people with risk factors. HCV, spread through blood exposure, is the most common chronic blood borne pathogen in the United States, the leading cause of liver cancer, and associated with more deaths than the combined total of 60 other infectious diseases, including HIV. Approximately 2.4 million Americans have current HCV infections with rates of acute infections tripling from 2009 - 2018. Recent increase in infection is among persons aged 20-39 in reflection of the opioid and injection drug use epidemic. Many people with HCV will have few or no symptoms for years or decades. Testing is crucially important for helping individuals know their status and receive care. While there is no vaccine for HCV, there is a highly effective cure with few side effects that can be completed in 8 - 12 weeks. Encourage your family and friends to ask their health care provider about HCV testing and check out these resources for more information:

- [USPSTF Hepatitis C testing recommendation](#)
- [AASLD Testing Recommendation](#)
- [Know More Hepatitis Campaign from CDC](#)
- [Overview of Hepatitis C](#)
- [Vital Signs: Newly reported Acute Hepatitis C 2009 - 2018](#)



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## RYLAND ROANE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



Ryland Restee Roane, Jr.

The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Disease Prevention is pleased to announce we are accepting [applications](#) for the second cohort of the Ryland Roane Fellowship Program. This two year fellowship program is named in honor of Ryland Roane, a long time VDH employee who focused his career on preventing HIV, improving the lives of people living with HIV and mentoring black gay men working in public health. Fellows receive rigorous training and develop skills that make them more competitive in the public health workforce. Fellows are compensated for the full two years of the program.

Please feel free to share this email with those who may be interested and direct them to contact **Darnell Barrington** at [darnell.barrington@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:darnell.barrington@vdh.virginia.gov) or (804) 864-7877 for more information. The application cycle closes on July 1, 2020.

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## NCSD CALLS FOR DIS ENGAGED IN COVID-19 RESPONSE

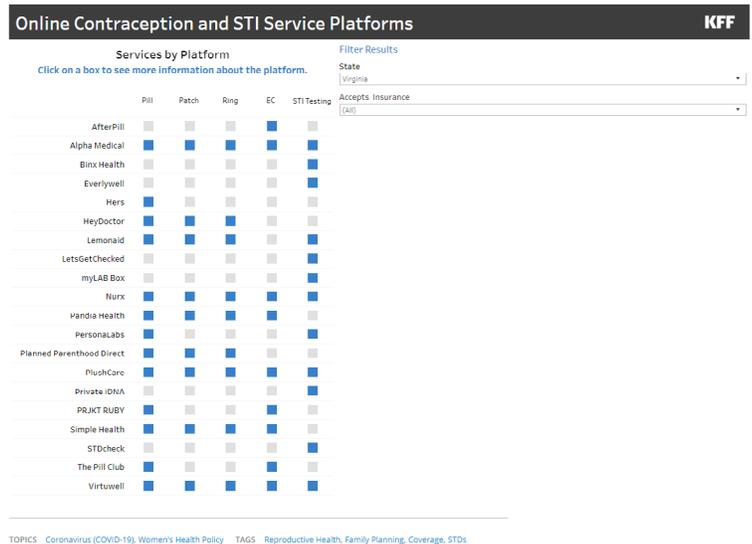
As the national response against COVID-19 continues, the National Coalition for STD Directors (NCSD) is creating a speakers bureau of Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) involved in this response. So, if you are a DIS on the frontlines of the epidemic, NCSD needs you to tell your story! This will be vital to making sure the DIS workforce gets the attention and support it deserves. If you are interested, please contact Matt Prior at [mprior@ncsddc.org](mailto:mprior@ncsddc.org) and he will follow up with you.

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## KFF: ONLINE CONTRACEPTIVE AND STI SERVICES DURING COVID-19

A new Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) report provides an overview of online options for contraceptive and STI services during COVID-19. This resource also includes an interactive table that shows which platforms are available in each state and which accept private insurance or Medicaid. [Read more.](#)

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Platform	Pill	Patch	Ring	EC	STI Testing
AfterPill					
Alpha Medical					
Binx Health					
Everlywell					
Hers					
HeyDoctor					
Lemonaid					
LetsGetChecked					
myLAB Box					
Nurx					
Handia Health					
PersonalLabs					
Planned Parenthood Direct					
PushCare					
Private IDNA					
PRJKT RUBY					
Simple Health					
STDcheck					
The Pill Club					
Virtuwell					

**KFF table showing STI/contraceptive services by platform in Virginia that accept all insurances. Click on the table to visit the website.**

## HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SPIKES IN STIS WHILE ATTENTION IS ON COVID-19

Rates of STIs in the U.S. have been steadily increasing over the past few years, with rates of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia reaching an all-time high in 2018. Now with a large portion of public health resources directed towards COVID-19, local health departments are worried they will lose even more ground. [Read more.](#)

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## PERSONNEL

### Welcome

STD Prevention and Surveillance (SPS) welcomes **Cheryl Mayo** as the Northern Regional STD Program Coordinator

(RSPC). Cheryl started on 3/10/20 and joins VDH with 23 year of experience in public health. She has worked in several states as a DIS, and has supervised a team of 10 DIS. She has also served as a CDC project officer, overseeing the STD programs for multiple states, and has international experience in HIV prevention. Cheryl is located in the Prince William Health District and can be reached at (703) 481-4216 or [cheryl.mayo@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:cheryl.mayo@vdh.virginia.gov)

SPS welcomes back **Megan Rei** as a DIS contractor in the Northern region, housed at the Prince William Health District. Megan can be reached at [megan.rei@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:megan.rei@vdh.virginia.gov).

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