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STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS DISCUSS LONG TERM PLANNING PROCESS FOR HIV OUTBREAK RESPONSE AND TRANSITION

INDIANAPOLIS—State health officials announced today that the number of HIV cases in the southeastern Indiana outbreak is now at 170 cases (169 confirmed and one preliminary positive).

The Indiana State Department of Health held a town hall meeting on Tuesday, June 16, in Scott County to discuss the transition planning process and long-term sustainability efforts in the HIV outbreak response. Goals identified are:

- Suppress and sustain suppression of the community viral load.
- Provide all services vital and necessary to identify and care for HIV positive individuals and high risk negatives with the Scott County Health Department Needle Exchange Program through coordination and collaboration at a local level.
- The One Stop Shop services will be offered one day per week for the duration of the Public Health Emergency at an alternative location. The Community Outreach Center will be closing on Thursday, June 25, 2015.

“The planning process for sustainability began the day we started our response and will continue for the foreseeable future,” said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. “This is an unprecedented outbreak and we will continue to work with our partners every step of the way.”

Dr. Adams and Deputy State Health Commissioner Jennifer Walthall, M.D. spoke to additional stakeholders and the media on Wednesday, June 17 and it was available via webcast. A copy of the webcast can be found at <http://videocenter.isdh.in.gov/videos/video/1679/>.

One-Stop Shop Update at the Community Outreach Center

Services provided include: access to state-issued ID cards, birth certificates, job counseling and local training, enrollment in HIP 2.0 insurance, HIV testing, HIV care coordination, substance abuse referrals, and vaccinations against tetanus, Hepatitis A and B.

Total Visitors: 1,085

Total Services Utilized: 1,761

HIV Testing: 331

Immunizations: 378

Bureau of Motor Vehicles: 137
LifeSpring Mental Health Services: 106
HIV Care Coordination: 116
Department of Health Vital Records: 247
Family and Social Services Administration (HIP 2.0 enrollment): 397
Job Referrals through Indiana Department of Workforce Development: 49

Scott County Needle Exchange Program Update

Total Individuals Participating in the Needle Exchange: 189

Estimated Needles Brought In: *27,878

*Needles brought in include both from the needle exchange program and community returned needles.

Total Needles Provided: 28,671

For more information about the HIV outbreak and response, visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov. Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at [@StateHealthIN](https://twitter.com/StateHealthIN) and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

NOTE: Attached is the Briefing Update Document on the Long Term Planning Process for Scott County.

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