



Red Door Services

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Fast facts

- ▲ Seventy-two percent of HIV infections diagnosed in Minnesota in 2006 – 230 out of 318 – were from individuals in Hennepin County.
- ▲ In 2006, about 1,800 Hennepin residents were living with HIV, the virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), and about 1,380 people were living with AIDS.
- ▲ According to the state's annual surveillance of Sexually Transmitted Diseases 2006, Hennepin has 74 percent of the recently diagnosed early syphilis cases in Minnesota, 51 percent of recently diagnosed gonorrhea cases, and 35 percent of recently diagnosed chlamydia cases.
- ▲ To reach the Red Door Clinic, call 612-543-5555.

What are Red Door Services?

The Hennepin County Public Health Clinic is home to Red Door Services, which offers screening, treatment and education for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). The clinic is the state's largest testing site for STDs and HIV, the virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Red Door staff provided more than 7,300 HIV tests in 2006.

Who is helped by Red Door Services?

Red Door Services provides confidential diagnosis and treatment of STDs, educates at-risk populations, and provides pregnancy prevention services, including evaluation for and provision of birth control.

In 2005, the Red Door had more than 27,000 patient visits.

Why was Red Door created?

The Red Door began operating in 1970 after Hennepin commissioners learned that many people with STDs were going to Hennepin County Medical Center's emergency room for treatment or education. By opening the Red Door Clinic, which merged into the Public Health Clinic in 2007, commissioners hoped to save dollars by steering clients away from high-cost emergency rooms to a less-costly but efficient clinic.

Clinic staff are certified nurse practitioners, registered nurses and community health specialists. Staff provide evaluation, treatment and risk-reduction education. The clinic is located at Hennepin's Health Services Building at 525 Portland Ave., in Minneapolis.

Special programs are targeted to at-risk populations

The Health Interventions for Men (HIM) program is a sexual health program for men who have sex with men and who want information, support or to learn how to decrease their risk of HIV/STD infections.

SISTAS is a sexual health program for African American women and their sexual partners.

Care Access and Prevention Service (CAPS) provides HIV testing in the community and assists persons with HIV to access medical care, health insurance and other services on a short-term basis.