

Thank you for your interest in residential treatment. While you are waiting to be admitted here are some safety issues for you to consider:

People who use substances are at a greater risk for communicable diseases. Some of this risk come from the sharing of needles in patients who are using drugs intravenously. Hepatitis C and HIV can be transmitted as a result of needle sharing. Syringe Access and Exchange Programs exist in our community including through Evergreen Health Services.

Unfortunately, according to the CDC there has been an increase in new cases of HIV which may align with the practice of needle sharing. 1 in 11 cases of HIV infections is the result of needle sharing. It is important that if you perceive yourself to be at risk for the disease that you get tested as soon as possible. Most insurances cover HIV testing as well as there being sites available in the community that test free of charge.

Needle sharing may also be contributing to the rise in cases of diagnosable tuberculosis or TB. TB is a disease caused by germs that are spread from person-to-person through the air. TB generally affects the lungs but may also affect other parts of the body including brain, kidneys or the spine. TB can be fatal if treatment is not sought. If you are using substances intravenously you need to be tested for TB. Any trained healthcare provider can administer a TB test.

If you or someone you know is in need of medical care and are currently without a physician, Community Health Services of Buffalo offers medical care and they can be reached to schedule appointments @ 716-986-9199.

There are additional branches in Lockport, Cheektowaga and Niagara Falls. Northwest Buffalo Community Healthcare is another medical resource @ 716-876-8108 and Evergreen Health @ 716-847-2441



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