

What is Care Clinic?

The Will County Health Department and Community Health Center's Care Clinic is a specialty clinic designed to serve those at high risk for getting or transmitting HIV.

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Services

- PrEP (pill and injectable)
- PEP
- HIV+ linkage to care
- Case management
- STI screening and treatment
- Vaccines (HPV, Hepatitis, Mpox etc.)
- Medication assistance
- Medication adherence counseling

Scan the QR code to make a request for services and follow-up from one of our staff



Contact Us



815-727-8830



Locations

Will County Community Health Center

1106 Neal Ave
Joliet, IL 60433

Will County Health Department

501 Ella Ave
Joliet, IL 60433

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Full-time Infectious Disease Doctor



PrEP

Care Clinic helps provide **FREE** access to PrEP

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a medicine for people who do not have HIV that significantly lowers their chances of getting infected. When used as prescribed, PrEP is about 99% effective at preventing HIV infection through sex and reduces the risk of getting HIV by at least 74% among people who inject drugs. Care Clinic currently offers daily pill (Descovy or Truvada) and long-lasting injectable (Apretude) PrEP options.

PEP

PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis) is the use of antiretroviral drugs after a single high-risk event to stop HIV seroconversion after a possible exposure.

PEP must be started as soon as possible to be effective—and always within 72 hours of a possible exposure. When taken as directed PEP can reduce the risk of getting HIV by more than 80%.

PEP must be taken as directed for 28 days. Skipping doses or not taking them all makes PEP less likely to work.

Case Management

with Noemi Mora 815-774-6082

Case managers help patients navigate various HIV+ related services in their community, in order to get the services they need.

Case management includes:

- Getting medication to manage patients HIV
- Medication adherence programs
- Financial assistance in some cases
- Referrals for medical care

STI Screening and Treatment

Many Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's) show mild or NO symptoms. Getting tested for STI's is the only way to know if you have one.

At the Care Clinic you can receive:

- STI and HIV testing
- Treatment of STI's is positive
- Safe sex education and counseling
- STI education
- FREE CONDOMS

Vaccines

Many vaccines are offered with the Care Clinic! Vaccination is one measure in greatly lowering the risk of getting an infection

Vaccines offered:

- HPV
- Hepatitis
- Mpox
- And more!

Medication Assistance

Cost of medication is a real struggle for many people.

If you need help to afford your medication, the Care Clinic has assistance for you. Medication will then be either free or low-cost.

Cost is on a sliding scale based on income.

Medication Adherence Counseling

It's important to take your medication as prescribed, but you might have questions or barriers that stop that from happening. Using a collaborative approach, the Care Clinic team can answer all your questions and help you maintain your overall health.

HIV+ Linkage to Care

Linkage to care is a key early step in successful HIV management. It helps people living with HIV get and stay on treatment, allowing them to reach viral suppression. HIV treatment improves the health of people living with HIV and lowers the risk of HIV transmission in the community."