

HIV post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is a course of HIV medication that aims to prevent HIV infection following a recent exposure to HIV, for example following a sexual contact or a needle-stick injury. A full course of PEP is for 28 days (4 weeks).

PEP must be taken within 72 hours (3 days) after the possible exposure to HIV, and sooner if possible.

PEP is only available following an assessment by a doctor or a nurse. Not everyone who presents for PEP will need it.

PEP is currently available through a number of STI clinics and Emergency Departments. Attendance at Emergency Departments should be reserved for situations where there is an injury requiring urgent medical attention or where it is not possible to get PEP from a local STI or ID clinic within 72 hours.

Service restrictions due to Covid-19. Many public STI clinics cannot accept walk-ins at this time and you must contact the service in advance to make an urgent appointment, please see details in the table below. If you are unable to get an appointment, please attend your nearest emergency department.

Following a potential exposure to HIV at work (for example a needle stick injury), the Occupational Health department at your workplace will advise you on what to do. If you do not have an Occupational Health department at your workplace, the table below provides information on where and how PEP can be accessed.

PEP is free in Ireland.

In Ireland, individuals who attend an Emergency Department, without a referral letter, will be charged for that attendance. This charge is mandated by the Health (Out-Patient Charges) Regulations 2013¹. For EU residents this cost is currently €100. The cost of attendance at an Emergency Department for non-EU residents is more.

Medical card holders and some other groups are exempt from this charge. Attendance for PEP assessment is not exempt from this charge.

The table below has a list of clinics and emergency departments with information on PEP availability.

The table is presented by county. Under the PEP availability column the following statements appear: PEP starter pack available; Full PEP service available during clinic hours; Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up.

Here is an explanation for each of those statements:

- **“PEP starter pack available”** means a person can present for assessment and if deemed appropriate, will be given a short course of PEP. This is not the full course. If a person is given a PEP starter pack (usually in an emergency department), they will need to be seen at another clinic for further assessment and continuation of treatment if recommended.
- **“Full PEP service available during clinic hours”** means a person can present for PEP assessment and receive the full course of treatment, or they can attend for continuation of PEP and follow up after a starter pack.
- **“Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up”** means a person can be seen, usually by appointment, for continuation of PEP treatment and follow up, after they have been on a starter pack.

¹ <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2013/si/45/made/en/print>

County	Clinic	Opening hours	PEP Availability
Antrim (Tel: 048 from ROI)	GUM Clinic Royal Victoria Hospital Grosvenor Road Belfast Tel: 028 96 152111	By appointment only: Mon - Fri: 8.15 – 10.15am	Full PEP service available during clinic hours
	Emergency Department Royal Victoria Hospital Grosvenor Road Belfast Tel: 028 9063 2250	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Emergency Department Mater Hospital 45-54 Crumlin Road Belfast Tel: 028 9074 1211	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Armagh (Tel: 048 from ROI)	GUM Clinic Health and Care Centre Tavanagh Avenue Portadown Tel: 028 3756 2080	Appointments: Tues/Thurs: 9am – 4pm	Full PEP Service during clinic hours
	Emergency Department Craigavon Area Hospital 68 Lurgan Road Portadown Tel: 028 3861 2006/2014	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Emergency Department Daisy Hill Hospital 5 Hospital Road Newry Tel: 028 3083 5000	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Carlow	STI Clinic Carlow District Hospital Athy Road Tel: 051 842 646	PEP service available by appointment at Waterford clinic, call contact number to make arrangements to be seen	
Cavan	Emergency Department Cavan General Hospital Lisdaran Cavan Tel: 049 437 6000	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Clare	STI Clinic University Hospital Ennis Tel: 061 482 382	By appointment only: Mon: 9am – 12pm	Attend ED for starter pack, then referral to STI clinic for continuation and follow up
	Ennis Injury Unit University Hospital Ennis Ennis Tel: 065 686 3121	Open 7 days and Bank Holidays: 8am-8pm	PEP starter pack available
Cork	STI Clinic South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital Old Blackrock Road Tel: 021 496 6844	By appointment only: Mon-Thurs: 9am - 12.30pm Wed: 2 - 4.30pm	PEP starter pack available

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Cork continued	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital Old Blackrock Road Tel: 021 4926297 satu@sivuh.ie Out of hours tel: 021 4926100 Nurse Manager on duty	24/7 Sexual assault cases only	PEP starter pack available
	Emergency Department Cork University Hospital Tel: 021 4920200	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	ID/HIV Clinic Cork University Hospital Wilton, Cork Tel: 021 4922795	By appointment only	Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up
	Emergency Department Mercy University Hospital Tel: 021 4935 241/341	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Bantry Injury Unit Bantry General Hospital Tel: 027 52929	Mon – Sun: 8am-8pm	PEP starter pack available
	Mallow Injury Unit Mallow General Hospital Tel: 022 58506	No PEP service available, patients referred to ID/HIV clinic at CUH	
Derry (Tel: 048 from ROI)	GUM Clinic Altnagelvin Area Hospital Glenshane Road Londonderry Tel: 028 7161 1269	Appointments: Mon-Fri: 8.30am – 4.30pm	Full PEP service available during clinic hours
	Emergency Department Altnagelvin Area Hospital Anderson House Glenshane Road Londonderry Tel: 028 7134 5171	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	GUM Clinic Causeway Hospital 4 Newbridge Road Coleraine Tel: 028 7034 6028	Appointments: Mon - Fri: 9am - 5pm	Full PEP service available during clinic hours
	Emergency Department Causeway Hospital 4 Newbridge Road Coleraine Tel: 028 7032 7032	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Donegal	GUM/STI Clinic Letterkenny General Hospital Letterkenny Tel: 074 912 3715	By appointment only: Thurs: 5.30 – 9pm	Full PEP service available during clinic hours

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Dublin continued	Emergency Department Mater Hospital Eccles Street Dublin 7 Tel: 01 803 2000	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Gay Men's Health Service Meath Primary Care Centre, Heytesbury Street, Dublin 8. Tel: 01 9212730	CLOSED	Full PEP service available during clinic hours
	ID Clinic St. Vincent's University Hospital Elm Park Merrion Rd. Dublin 4 Tel: 01 221 3363/3035	No PEP walk in service – referred to ED	Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up
	Emergency Department St. Vincent's University Hospital Elm Park Merrion Rd. Dublin 4 Tel: 01 221 4358	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Emergency Department St. Michael's Hospital Lower George's St Dub Laoghaire Tel: 01 6639815	No PEP service available, patients referred to St. Vincent's	
	St. Columcille's Injury Unit St Columcille's Hospital Loughlinstown Tel: 01 2115048	No PEP service available, patients referred to St. Vincent's	
	ID Clinic Beaumont Hospital Dublin 9 Tel: 01 809 3006	No PEP walk in service – referred to ED	Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up
	Emergency Department Beaumont Hospital Dublin 9 Tel: 01 809 3000	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit Rotunda Hospital, Parnell Square, Dublin 1 Tel: 01 817 1736 SATU@rotunda.ie Out of hours tel: 01 8171700 ask for SATU	24/7 Sexual assault cases only	PEP starter pack available

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Dublin continued	Emergency Department Connolly Hospital Mill Road Blanchardstown Tel: 01 646 6250/6251	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Emergency Department Tallaght Hospital (AMNCH) Tallaght Dublin 24 Tel: 01 414 3601/3536	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Emergency Department (Paed) Tallaght Hospital (AMNCH) Tallaght Dublin 24 Tel: 01 414 3510	24/7 Emergency Department (Paediatric service only)	PEP starter pack available
	Emergency Department Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin Dublin 12 Tel: 01 409 6326	24/7 Emergency Department (Paediatric service only)	PEP starter pack available
	Emergency Department Temple St. Children's Hospital Temple St. Dublin 1 Tel: 01 878 4274	24/7 Emergency Department (Paediatric service only)	PEP starter pack available
Fermanagh (048 from ROI)	Emergency Department South West Acute Hospital 124 Irvinestown Road Enniskillen Tel: 028 6638 2000	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Galway	STI Clinic Portiuncula Hospital Ballinasloe Tel: 090 964 8372 (ext 676)	No PEP walk in service – referred to ED	
	Emergency Department Portiuncula Hospital Ballinasloe Tel: 090 964 8200	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	STI Clinic University Hospital Galway Newcastle Road Tel: 091 525 200	By appointment only: Monday afternoon, Wednesday morning and afternoon Friday morning	Full PEP service available during clinic hours
	Emergency Department University Hospital Galway Newcastle Road Tel: 091 524 222	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit Hazelwood House	24/7 Sexual Assault cases only	PEP starter pack and supply available

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	Parkmore Road Tel: 091 765751/ 087 6338118 satugalway.hsewest@hse.ie Out of hours tel: 091757631 Nurse Manager on duty for Merlin Park Hospital		
Kerry	STI Clinic University Hospital Kerry Tralee Tel: 021 496 6844	No PEP service available - referred to CUH ID/HIV Clinic	
	Emergency Department University Hospital Kerry Tralee Tel: 066 718 4000	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Kildare	Emergency Department Naas General Hospital Naas Tel: 045 849 900/500	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Kilkenny	Emergency Department St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny Tel: 056 778 5000	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Laois	STI Clinic Out patients Dept. Midland Regional Hospital Block Rd. Portlaoise Tel: 086 859 1273	Walk in and by appointment: Tues: 2 – 4.30pm Tues: 5 – 6.15pm	Full PEP service available during clinic hours
	Emergency Department Midland Regional Hospital Block Rd. Portlaoise Tel: 086 859 1273	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Limerick	STI Clinic University Hospital Limerick Dooradoyle Tel: 061 482 382	By appointment only: Tues/Thurs: 9am - 12pm	Attend ED for starter pack, then referral to STI clinic for continuation and follow up
	Emergency Department University Hospital Limerick Dooradoyle Tel: 061 301 111	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit University Hospital Limerick St. Nessian's Road Dooradoyle Out of hours service only: contact shannondoc: 1850 212 999	24/7 Sexual assault cases only	PEP starter pack available
	St. John's Injury Unit St. John's Hospital New Road Tel: 061 462132	Staff only – members of the public referred to ED in UHL	

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Louth	STI Clinic Louth County Hospital Dublin Road Dundalk Tel: 086 824 1847	By appointment only: Tuesday (all day) Friday 1.30-4pm	PEP starter pack available
	Dundalk Injury Unit Louth County Hospital Dublin Road Dundalk Tel: 042 9334701	No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere	
	STI Clinic Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda Tel: 086 824 1847	No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere	
	Emergency Department Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda Tel: 041 983 7601	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Mayo	STI Clinic Mayo General Hospital Castlebar Tel: 094 902 1733 (ext 3501)	No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere	
	Emergency Department Mayo General Hospital Castlebar Tel: 094 902 1733	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Meath	Emergency Department Our Lady's Hospital Navan Tel: 046 907 8500	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Monaghan	GUM Clinic Monaghan General Hospital Monaghan Tel: 086 824 1847	No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere	
	Minor Injury Unit Monaghan General Hospital Monaghan Tel: 047 38835	Mon – Fri: 9am-5pm	PEP starter pack available
Offaly	Emergency Department Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore Tel: 057 935 8024 / 932 1501	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Roscommon	Roscommon Injury Unit Roscommon University Hospital Athlone Road Tel: 090 6632212	No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere	
Sligo	GUM Clinic Sligo General Hospital The Mall Tel: 071 917 0473	No PEP walk in service available, patients referred to ED	Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up

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Sligo continued	Emergency Department Sligo General Hospital The Mall Tel: 071 917 1111	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
Tipperary	STI Clinic South Tipperary General Hospital Clonmel Tel: 051 842 646	PEP service available by appointment at Waterford clinic, call contact number to make arrangements to be seen	
	Emergency Department South Tipperary General Hospital Clonmel Tel: 052 617 7000	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	STI Clinic University Hospital Nenagh Tel: 061 482 382	By appointment only: Wed: 2 – 5pm	Attend ED for starter pack, then referral to STI clinic for continuation and follow up
	Nenagh Injury Unit Tyone Nenagh Tel: 067 42311	Staff only – members of the public referred to STI clinics in Nenagh or UHL, or to ED in UHL	
Waterford	STI Clinic University Hospital Waterford Dunmore Road Tel: 051 842 646	PEP service by appointment only, call contact number to make arrangements to be seen	
	Emergency Department University Hospital Waterford Dunmore Road Tel: 051 848 000	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit University Hospital Waterford Dunmore Road Tel: 051 842157 wrh.satu@hse.ie Out of hours tel: 051 848000 Nurse Manager on duty	24/7 Sexual assault cases only	PEP starter pack available
Westmeath	STI Clinic Regional Hospital Mullingar Longford Road Mullingar Tel: 086 416 9830	CLOSED	
	Emergency Department Midland Regional Hospital Longford Road Mullingar Tel: 044 934 0221	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available
	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit Midland Regional Hospital Longford Road Mullingar Tel: 044 9394239 /086	24/7 Sexual assault cases only	PEP starter pack available

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	0409952 satu.mrhm@hse.ie Out of hours tel: 044 9340221 Nurse Manager on duty		
Wexford	Emergency Department Wexford General Hospital Newtown rd. Tel: 053 915 3313/14	24/7 Emergency Department	PEP starter pack available

*This information is subject to change