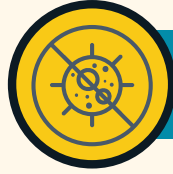


SAFE INJECTION SITES (SIS)

WHAT IS A SIS?

A hygienic site supervised by health professionals, where people who inject drugs can:



USE STERILE EQUIPMENT



SAFELY DISPOSE OF USED NEEDLES



RECEIVE ON-SITE FIRST AID AS NEEDED



BE REFERRED TO MAT
(Medication Assisted Treatment)



OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Education and screening for HIV, HCV and syphilis, and wound care.

PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR:



OVERDOSE



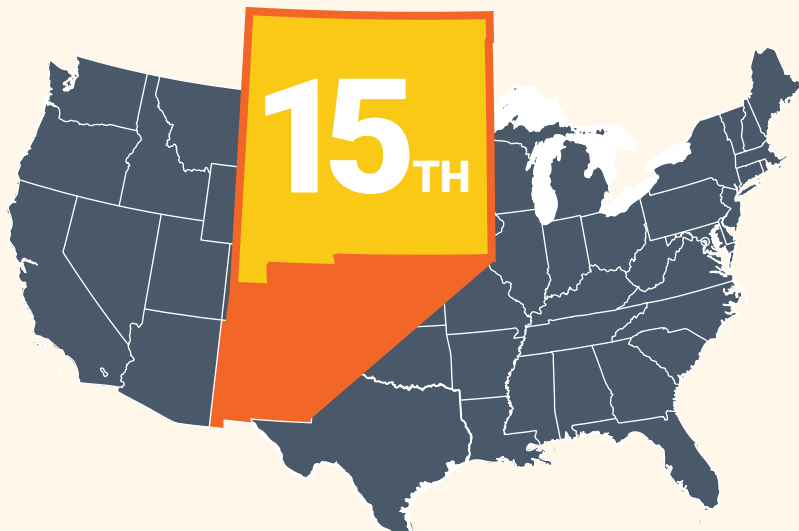
**ENDOCARDITIS &
SOFT TISSUE INFECTIONS**



HIV & HCV

New Mexico was 15th in the nation for drug overdose deaths in 2018.

-NMDOH



In 2018, there were

537

deaths due to drug overdose in New Mexico.

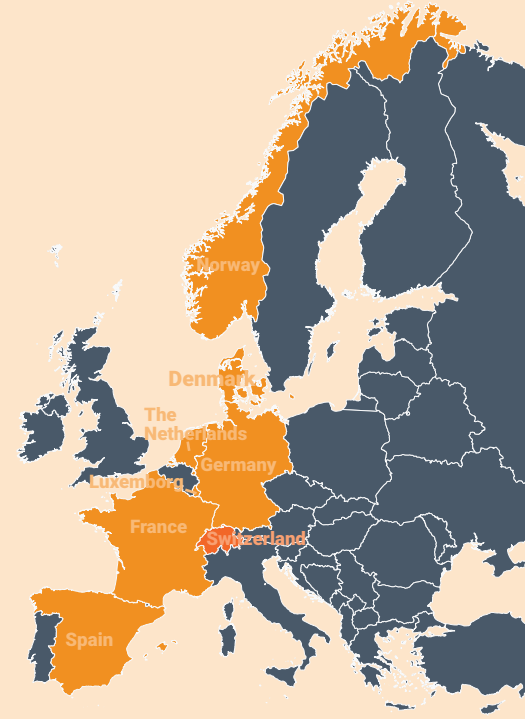
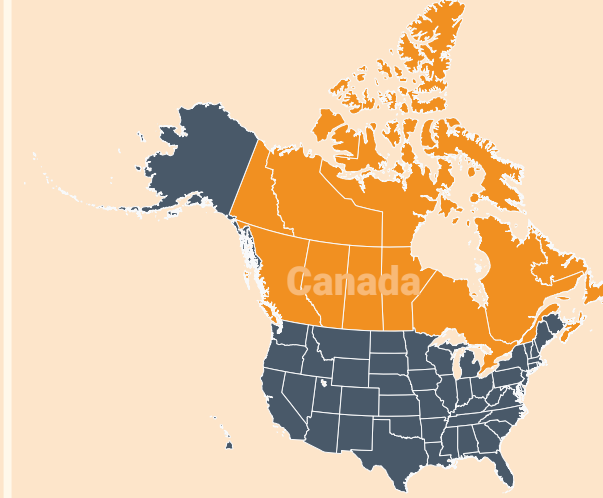


**EVERY 18 HOURS
SOMEONE DIED.**

-NMDOH

THERE IS NO SANCTIONED SIS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The first sanctioned site was in Switzerland in 1986, and more have been opened in Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Spain.



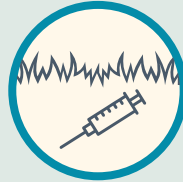
PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN A SIS HAVE:



**SHORTER HOSPITAL
ADMISSIONS**



**LOWER DRUG OVERDOSE
MORTALITY RATES**



**FEWER DISCARDED
NEEDLES IN PUBLIC PLACES**



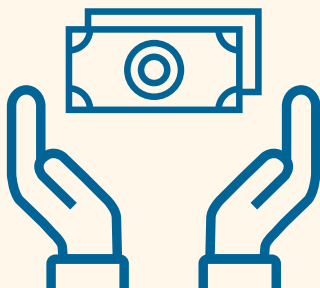
**LESS PUBLIC
INJECTION DRUG USE**



**INCREASED
MAT UPTAKE**



**NO PARTICIPANT IN AN SIS HAS EXPERIENCED
A FATAL OVERDOSE WHILE AT THE SITE.**



**Each dollar spent generates savings of \$2.33
on 5 averted outcomes:**

- HIV infections
- HCV infections
- averted overdose deaths
- increased MAT uptake
- reduced skin and soft tissue infections

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