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# County of Santa Cruz Syringe Services Program (SSP) Advisory Commission Program Updates

June 14, 2022

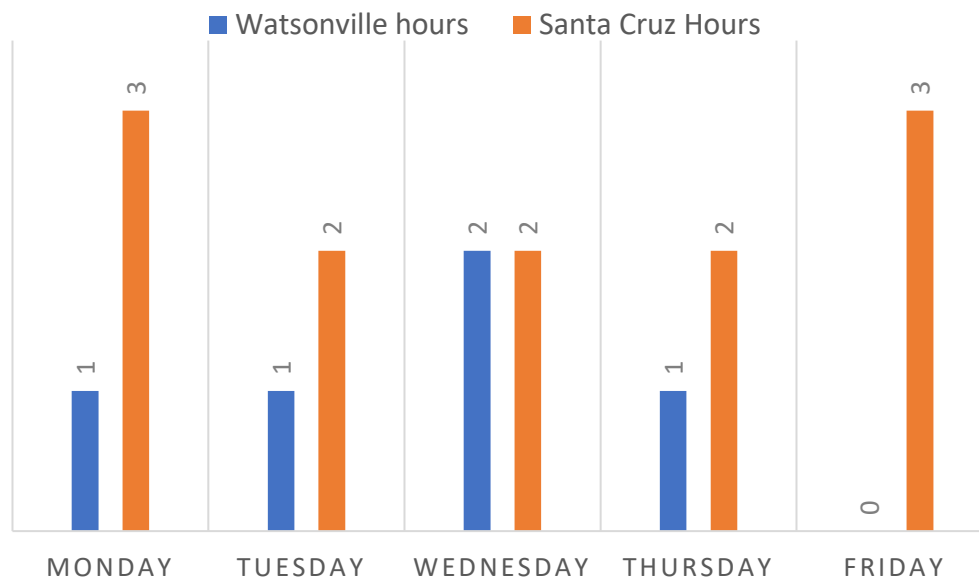
# Current Activities

Goals: Prevent disease, link to treatment and services, improve public safety

- 1) Watsonville hours
- 2) New Kiosk installation
- 3) Change to Monthly SSP Report
- 4) June 28<sup>th</sup> Board Memo

# Watsonville Hours

## PREVIOUS EXCHANGE HOURS



- Watsonville hours expanding from 5 per week to 7 per week
- **Starting on Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>** we will have a 9am-11am shift
- Brings equity of **service days** to the Watsonville exchange
- Feedback from participants and potential participants during outreach contributed to our decision on the day and time of day to add hours

# New Kiosk Installation

- Worked with the City of Watsonville to designate a location
- New Syringe Disposal Kiosk was installed 06/03/2022
- Watsonville Waste and Recycling Drop off Center located at 320 Harvest Dr., Watsonville, CA 95076
- Days and hours of access are Tuesday-Saturday from 9am-2:30pm
- Total of 7 Kiosks now installed (5 in Santa Cruz and 2 in Watsonville)



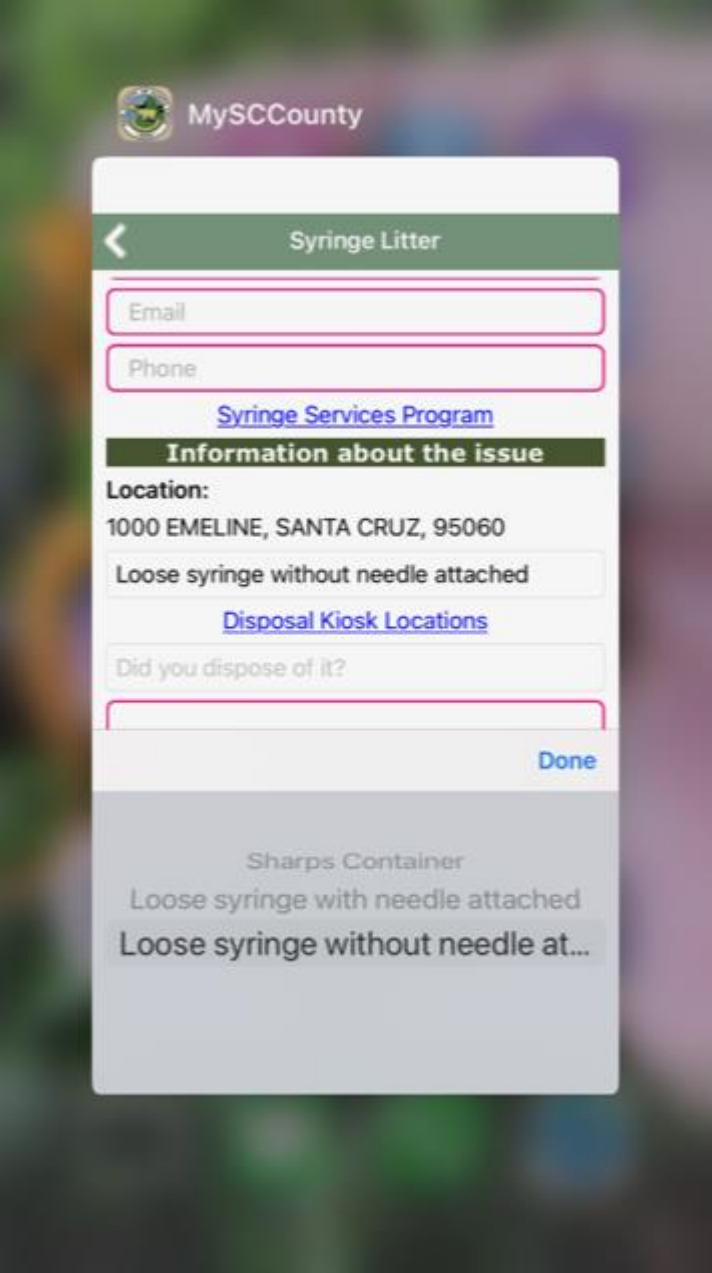
# **Starting in July 2022, SSP Reports will note that All participants are offered education on several topics**

- 1) Syringe Disposal
- 2) Overdose Prevention
- 3) Drug Treatment
- 4) HIV/Hep C testing and treatment
- 5) Harm Reduction

# June 28<sup>th</sup> County BOS Meeting

## Background:

On February 15, 2022, the Board directed HSA to return on or before June 28, 2022 **“with a plan to address previous direction provided on June 8, 2021, to use our existing solid waste resources to come up with a systemic response to syringe collection, by either expanding contracts with current providers and/or releasing an RFP (Request for Proposal) or RFQ (Request for Quotation to solicit such services, including a potential on-demand response component.”**



The image shows a mobile application interface for reporting syringe litter. At the top, the MySCCounty logo and name are visible. The form is titled 'Syringe Litter' and includes input fields for 'Email' and 'Phone'. Below these is a link for the 'Syringe Services Program'. A section titled 'Information about the issue' contains a 'Location' field with the address '1000 EMELINE, SANTA CRUZ, 95060' and a dropdown menu currently showing 'Loose syringe without needle attached'. There is also a link for 'Disposal Kiosk Locations' and a 'Did you dispose of it?' question with an empty input field. A 'Done' button is located at the bottom right of the form. Below the form, a list of disposal options is shown, including 'Sharps Container', 'Loose syringe with needle attached', and 'Loose syringe without needle at...'. The background of the app is a blurred outdoor scene.

## On June 28<sup>th</sup>, HAS plans to report back on the following

- 1) **Review of County efforts to address syringe litter control**
- 2) **No RFP was released (not a specific board directive) However the County has expanded syringe litter control activities over the past year, including:**
  - Leveraging existing solid waste resources
  - Kiosk expansion
  - Personal sharps container distribution
  - Large syringe disposal boxes
  - Centralized syringe litter reporting app (My Santa Cruz County)
  - Convenings with other jurisdictions
  - Outreach/education
- 3) **HSA currently spends about 30% of the program budget on syringe litter activities but does not have a specific funding source for syringe collection. County DPW provides services only in the unincorporated areas, hence the importance of partnership with all jurisdictions**

# Questions?

Thank You

