

SURVIVING SEXUAL VIOLENCE DURING COVID-19: MEDICAL OPTIONS

Resilience recognizes that sexual violence does not pause during a pandemic. In this unprecedented circumstance, we have worked to identify alternative medical options for survivors who may choose to avoid a hospital. These are deeply personal decisions, and we support whatever choice is right for each person. We want survivors to know, during these uncertain times, they have options.

SERVICES OFFERED IN IL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

Resilience partners with [17 community hospitals](#) where advocates provide round the clock telephone advocacy to all survivors in the Emergency Department. Here's what survivors can expect when accessing care in a hospital:

- Forensic evidence collection, forensic photography and toxicology screening (aka "the rape kit") within 7 days of the incident
- Preventative treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) such as gonorrhea, chlamydia and trichomonas
- Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), a medication to prevent HIV within 72 hours of the incident. [Click this link for more information on PEP](#)
- Emergency Contraception to prevent pregnancy within 72–120 hours of the incident
- Full medical exam to assess for a patient's overall wellbeing and treatment
- The option to report the crime to Law Enforcement at the hospital
- State-issued voucher that will cover the cost of follow-up care within 90 days of the original visit
- The option to have an advocate assist you over the phone at [these locations](#)
- All care provided in the emergency department is offered at no cost to the patient

SERVICES AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS

Community clinics, some of which remain open at this time, may provide many of the options mentioned above. If a survivor is interested in accessing medical care without visiting a hospital, Resilience advocates will provide a connection to trusted partners.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN ADVOCATE, PLEASE CALL (312) 443-9603, OR CONTACT US [VIA EMAIL](#). ALL RESILIENCE SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND CONFIDENTIAL

An advocate will reach out to you within 24 hours. Our trusted partners are able to provide the services listed below:

- Emergency Contraception to prevent pregnancy
- Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), a medication to prevent HIV
- Medical exam
- Testing for Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases
- Preventative treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- Pregnancy Tests
- Options regarding pregnancy such as a termination

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Trusted Medical Clinics

Chicago Women's Health Center
(773) 935-6136
Chicago's Uptown neighborhood

Planned Parenthood
Call (877) 200-7745 or Text "PPNOW" to 774636
for info on emergency contraception & birth control

Howard Brown Health
(773) 388-1600
Various locations in Chicago

24-Hour Hotlines

Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline 1 (888) 293-2080 • Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (877) 863-6338
RAINN 1 (800) 656-4673 • Trans Lifeline 1 (877) 565-8860

Medical Care by Setting

	Emergency Department in Illinois	Community Health Clinics
Reporting to Law Enforcement	AVAILABLE Law Enforcement is automatically notified. Patient will choose if they want to report.	NOT AVAILABLE However, reporting can be done by calling 311 or going to a police station.
Voucher for Follow-Up Care	AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
Forensic Evidence Collection; forensic photography and toxicology screening (aka "the rape kit")	AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
Termination of Pregnancy	NOT AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Preventative treatment for STIs such as gonorrhea, chlamydia and trichomonas	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), for the prevention of HIV (within 72 hrs.)	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Emergency Contraception for the prevention of pregnancy (72–120 hrs.)	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Medical Exam	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Pregnancy Test	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE