



Service Update – Extreme Weather

December 16, 2008

- During extreme weather conditions, AIDS Vancouver Island will open an evening drop-in at 1601 Blanshard Street, from 6:30pm to 10pm Monday to Friday, and 6:30pm to 9pm on Saturday, Sunday, and statutory holidays). Services provided will include access to a drug and alcohol counsellor and street nurses, as well as warm beverages. No needle exchange will be provided on-site.
- Needle exchange will be conducted by foot outreach in the downtown core from 3pm to 5pm on Monday-Friday, 10:30am to 5pm on Saturday, and 1pm to 5pm and statutory holidays; the bicycle patrols will not be used in extreme weather.
- The white Outreach vehicle will continue to park at Princess and Government between 6:30pm and 10pm Monday to Friday, and 6:30pm to 9:30pm on Saturday, and 5pm to 9pm on Sunday and statutory holidays. It will leave this location once per hour, to circulate through the downtown core and return to Princess and Government.
- All AVI needle exchange services will continue to abide by the Code of Conduct. No Service Zones (in front of residences, open businesses, schools and day-care centers) will remain in effect.

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