

Rural Indiana county's HIV outbreak tops 100 cases

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State health officials say more than 100 people have tested positive for HIV in an outbreak of the virus among intravenous drug users in southeastern Indiana.

The state's Joint Information Center said Friday that as of Thursday there had been 95 confirmed HIV cases and 11 preliminary positive cases tied to the outbreak.

All of the HIV cases have been linked to needle-sharing among intravenous drug users.

Scott County—about 30 miles north of Louisville, Kentucky—is the epicenter of Indiana's largest-ever HIV [outbreak](#).

Gov. Mike Pence declared a [public health emergency](#) in the county on March 26 that allowed the creation of a limited needle-exchange program that aims to stem the spread of the [virus](#).

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