



Department of Public Health (DPH) Condom Ordering Policy 2023

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to ensure that HIV Prevention Programs supported by DPH funds receive priority for condom ordering and to ensure condoms are not depleted and are available throughout the year to organizations that serve HIV-positive persons and those at highest risk of acquiring HIV infection.

Goal: To ensure that condoms are available free of charge, to HIV-positive persons and those at highest risk of acquiring HIV infection, at all times by instituting ordering limits on agencies and individuals funded and not funded by DPH. There are some necessary policy changes for 2023 in order to remain sustainable and fairly distribute the necessary materials to all of our customers, past and future.

Objectives:

- To reduce the risk of HIV and other STD's in the community by having condoms free of charge and available to people who are sexually active.
- To reduce the associated barriers in accessing condoms, including financial cost and embarrassment, by having condoms available free of charge at the Community Distribution Center operated by Advancing CT Together (ACT).
- To provide availability and accessibility of different condoms throughout the year by instituting condom ordering limits.

Policy:

The following are maximum limits allowed to be ordered monthly:

DPH Funded HIV Prevention Contractors

(funded by DPH to provide HIV Prevention Services or receive HIV test kits directly from DPH)

- Male Latex Condoms: 4 cases (1,000 pieces/case)
 - **NOTE:** Condoms from the ONE product line are limited to 2 cases
- Non-latex Condoms: 2 packages (125 pieces/package)
- Female Condoms 2 packages (100 pieces/package)
- Dental Dams: 3 packages (20 pieces/package)
- Latex Finger Cots: 2 packages (144 pieces/package)
- Lubricants: 2 packages (100 pieces/package)

Non-DPH Funded Organizations

- Male Latex Condoms: 1 case (1,000 pieces)
- Non-latex Condoms: 1 package (125 pieces)
- Female Condoms: 1 package (100 pieces)
- Dental Dams: 2 packages (20 pieces/package)
- Latex Finger Cots: 1 package (144 pieces)
- Lubricants: 1 package (100 pieces)

**Please Note: Multi-site organizations must coordinate among their sites. Only 1 order per month will be permitted for the organization, each site cannot place their own separate order.*

Individuals

70 total pieces per month, any combination of the following:

- Male Latex Condoms: 40 pieces
- Non-latex Condoms: 10 pieces
- Female Condoms: 10 pieces
- Dental Dams: 10 pieces
- Lubricants: 20 pieces

Additional Information:

Organizations that distribute condoms should explore all options for acquiring safer sex materials. These options may include commercial channels. The Community Distribution Center is not intended to be the sole source of condoms in Connecticut, even for organizations whose focus is HIV and STI prevention. Instead, the Community Distribution Center should be utilized as a complement to other resources.

PLEASE NOTE: There are no assurances that the itemized products will be in stock. The Community Distribution Center reserves the right to:

1. Deny any order in whole or in part;
2. Adjust the quantity of orders; and
3. Substitute items.

References:

[NY State Condom Program](#)

[CT Community Distribution Center Program](#)

[CDC's Condom Distribution Structural Intervention](#)