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Harm Reduction Services in Rio de Janeiro

While in Rio de Janeiro, the IAS is required to follow rules and guidelines for the provision of harm reduction services as determined in Brazilian legislation. As stated in the **National Policy on Comprehensive Care for People Who Use Alcohol and Other Drugs**¹, Brazil recognizes drug dependence as a health condition and promotes treatment-based approaches rather than criminalization. Harm reduction is integrated into public health strategies, particularly in HIV prevention, mental health, and drug policy frameworks.

In case of emergency please take note of the following number:

Police: 190 | Ambulance: 192 | Fire: 193 | Tourist Police: +55 21 3399-7170

Travelling to Rio de Janeiro

Flying with legally prescribed or over-the-counter medication requires careful preparation. Always carry medications in your carry-on luggage in their original, clearly labeled containers. Pack essential travel health documents, declare medically necessary liquids at security checkpoints, and verify your destination's specific drug laws before traveling internationally.

INDRO e.V. is a non-profit and non-government advocacy organization for harm reduction and rational drug policies founded in 1991, based in Germany. They have a travel guide, which provides information on methadone treatment, which can be accessed here: <https://indro-online.de/en/brazil/>.

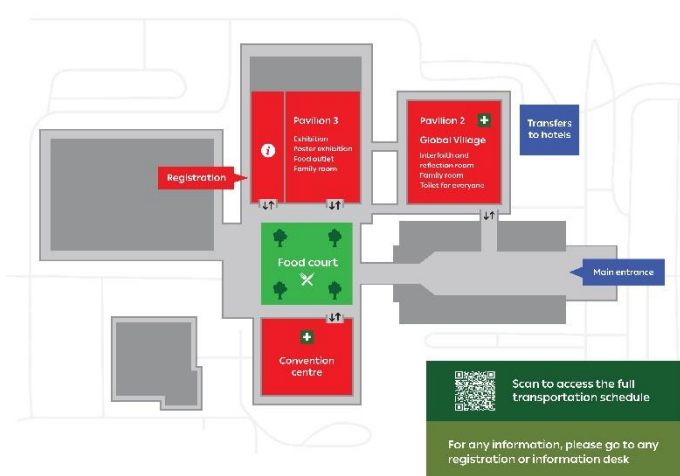
Map of key health services for AIDS 2026

An UPA (Unidade de Pronto Atendimento) is a fixed 24/7 public emergency care unit in Brazil. These units bridge the gap between basic health clinics (UBS) and hospital emergency rooms, providing immediate assessment and stabilization for urgent and emergency medical situations. The three closest to Riocentro are:

- UPA Jacarepaguá, R. André Rocha - Taquara, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22730-522, Brazil
- UPA Barra, R. Jardim da Saudade, R. Aquiles da Costa - Barra, Balneário Camboriú - SC, 88332-055, Brazil
- UPA Cidade de Deus, Rua Edgard Werneck, s/n - Freguesia (Jacarepaguá), Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22763-011, Brazil

¹ https://www.gov.br/mj/pt-br/assuntos/sua-protecao/politicas-sobre-drogas/arquivo-manual-de-avaliacao-e-alienacao-de-bens/planad_set_2022.pdf

This map shows where health centres are located within the Convention Centre:

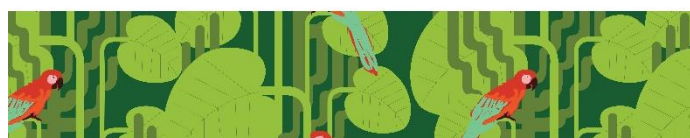


Convention centre

Upper floor



Ground floor



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There will be two medical posts in person at AIDS 2026, located in:

- Convention Centre - Medical Center
- Pavilion 2 - First Aid room

Delegates will be able to dispose of hospital materials (e.g. needles) securely in the medical posts.

All medication available in the medical posts meet resolution standards and should further medical assistance be required, patients will be stabilized and transferred to hospital.

Access to health services in Rio de Janeiro

What	Where	Services	When	Contact
Hospital Municipal Lourenço Jorge	Av. Ayrton Senna, 2000 – Barra da Tijuca	Major public emergency and trauma hospital	24 hours	+55 21 2430-2222

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Hospital Copa D'Or	Rua Figueiredo Magalhães, 875 – Copacabana	Private hospital providing adult and pediatric care, emergency services, robotic surgery, and high-tech intensive care.	24 hours	+55 21 2545-4000
Hospital Samaritano	R. Bambina, 98 – Botafogo	Private hospital providing comprehensive, high-complexity healthcare services, including advanced emergency care, surgical treatments, and medical diagnostics across a wide variety of medical specialties	24 hours	+55 21 3444-1000
Hospital Cardoso Fontes	Av. Menezes Cortes 3245 (Auto Estrada Grajaú – Jacarepaguá) Jacarepaguá, Southwest Zone			+55 21 24252255

Access to HIV, STI testing and treatment clinics

Free testing is available at some clinics, municipal health centers and some private labs also offer comprehensive STI services.

What	Where	When	Contact
Fiocruz Clinics: HIV/STI testing, counselling, treatment	Av. Brasil, 4365 – Manguinhos, Rio de Janeiro		https://fiocruz.br/



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CTA Barra da Tijuca: Free HIV/STI testing and prevention services	Av. Ayrton Senna, Barra da Tijuca		
Hospital Municipal Lourenço Jorge: Emergency and HIV care	Av. Ayrton Senna, 2000 – Barra da Tijuca		+55 21 2430-2222
Hospital Copa D'Or: Private HIV/STI treatment	Rua Figueiredo Magalhães, 875 – Copacabana		+55 21 2545-4000
Hospital Samaritano: Private HIV/STI treatment	R. Bambina, 98 – Botafogo		+55 21 3444-1000

Access to harm reduction services in Rio de Janeiro

In the case of a suspected overdose at the conference venue, call the venue medical services immediately for the necessary help or call SAMU on 192 if not outside the conference venue.

Naloxone is available in emergency services and some harm reduction programs. Needle exchange and counseling are provided by REDUC-affiliated centers and community organizations like Casa Nem.

What	Where	When	Contact
CAPSad II Raul Seixas (public service): counselling, mental health support, group activities with marginalized populations during the day, bridge to specialized services	R. Dois de Fevereiro, 785 – Encantado, Rio de Janeiro	24h	+55 21 3117507 / https://www.instagram.com/capsadraulseixas
Casa Nem: Needle exchange,	Rua do Senado, 230 –	Wednesday to Sunday, from 9 PM to 5 AM	(21) 965192569



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counseling, LGBTQ+ support	Centro, Rio de Janeiro		
REDUC – National Harm Reduction Network: Needle exchange, naloxone distribution, advocacy	Multiple community points (check)		www.reduc.org.br
Espaço Normal (Redes da Maré): Harm reduction outreach, home visits, counselling, Drop-in center, harm reduction kits, peer support	Complexo da Maré, Rio de Janeiro	Living space: Monday to Thursday 9am to 3pm On Wednesday, services are exclusive for women. At Fridays, the space opens from 9am to 12:30pm.	www.redesdamare.org.br/
ABIA – Brazilian Interdisciplinary AIDS Association: HIV prevention, harm reduction advocacy	Centro, Rio de Janeiro		

Psychiatric emergencies in Rio de Janeiro with services for alcohol and drug incidents

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Instituto Municipal Philippe Pinel (Botafogo, south zone of the city)	Av. Venceslau Brás, 65 - Botafogo.		+55(21)2295-8399
Centro Psiquiátrico do Rio de Janeiro (CPRJ) (Gamboa, downtown zone of the city)			
Centro Psiquiátrico do Rio de Janeiro (CPRJ)	Praça Coronel Assumpção, s/nº - Gamboa		+55 (21) 2202-5400
Hospital São Francisco de Deus	Rua Conde de Bonfim, 1033 - Tijuca		+55 (21) 3294-4500 / +55 (21) 3294-4300
Clínica da Gávea: Estrada da Gávea, 151	Rocinha- São Conrado, South zone - Rio de Janeiro	It has psychiatric emergency care with support for disorders and substance dependency.	0800-3235088 https://cliniCADAGAVEA.vivsaude.com.br
Casa de Saúde Saint Roman	Rua Almirante Alexandrino, 1354 - Santa Teresa	It is a reference in humanized care and emergencies	+55(21) 3861-8100
CAPS AD III Antônio Carlos Mussum	Av. Sampaio Corrêa, 103, Taquara		(21) 3412-8356 / (21) 3523-8546
CAPS AD III Paulo da Portela	Rua Pirapora, 69, Turiaçu, Madureira	24 hours (including weekends) with services for alcohol and drug incidents.	(21) 2452-2130
CAPS ad II Heleno de Freitas	Rua Dona Mariana, 151 -	Services for alcohol and	(21) 2334-8109 ou (21) 2342-1775



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	Botafogo, Rio de Janeiro	drug incidents.	
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Directory of centres

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CAPSad II Raul Seixas (public service): counselling, mental health support, group activities with marginalized populations during the day, bridge to specialized services	R. Dois de Fevereiro, 785 - Encantado, Rio de Janeiro	24h	+55 21 31117507 / https://www.instagram.com/capsadraulseixas
Espaço Normal (Redes da Maré): Drop-in center, harm reduction kits, needle exchange, safer use supplies, peer support	Complexo da Maré, Rio de Janeiro		
Semear Esperança Group (CMS Vila do João): Supplies distribution, home visits, harm reduction counseling, linkage to health services	Complexo da Maré, Rio de Janeiro		
REDUC (National Harm Reduction Network): Needle			



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exchange, naloxone distribution, harm reduction kits, advocacy			
Casa Nem: Needle exchange, counseling, LGBTQ+ support, harm reduction supplies	Rua do Senado, 230 – Centro, Rio de Janeiro		

Directory of services for sex workers

What	Where	When	Contact
Davida (Prostituição, Direitos Cívicos, Saúde): HIV/AIDS prevention, legal advocacy, human rights, condom distribution, community mobilization	Rio de Janeiro		
Brazilian Network of Prostitutes (Rede Brasileira de Prostitutas): Advocacy for sex workers' rights, HIV prevention programs			
Observatório da Prostituição (Prostitution Policy Watch): Research, advocacy, policy monitoring for sex workers' rights			
Grupo Pela Vidda Rio: HIV prevention, legal support, community health programs			https://pelavidda.org.br/site/