

HIV Criminalization in Missouri: What We Know

HIV Criminalization Laws in Missouri (2020)

Code Section	Criminalized Conduct
Mo. REV. STAT. § 191.677.1.1	Donating, or attempting to donate, blood, blood products, organs, sperm or tissue if HIV-positive
Mo. REV. STAT. § 191.677.1.2	Recklessly exposing another to HIV, including through sexual intercourse, sharing needles, biting, or other conduct
Mo. REV. STAT. § 567.020	Prostitution while knowingly HIV positive
Mo. REV. STAT. § 575.155	Attempting or exposing a corrections employee to blood, seminal fluid, urine, feces, or saliva
Mo. REV. STAT. § 191.677.1.1	Attempting or exposing a mental health employee to blood, seminal fluid, urine, feces, or saliva

593

Number of people who came into contact with the criminal system under one of these HIV or hepatitis laws from 1988 through October 2017

318

Number of people actually convicted under one of these laws from 1988 through October 2017

100%

Percentage of convictions that did not require proof of intent to transmit HIV

100%

Percentage of these convictions pursuant to a statute written so broadly that it includes conduct that cannot, in fact, transmit HIV

95%+

Percent of convictions that did not require actual transmission of HIV as an element of the offense