



CONDOMS

IN

SCHOOLS

Where does Maryland stand?



CURRENTLY,

There are no statewide laws in place to ensure Maryland students have easy access to contraceptives.

Sex-ed classes must provide medically accurate instruction on condoms and contraception.

71.8% of students in grades 9-12 know how to correctly use a condom.

Five of Maryland's school districts offer condoms in their high schools.

swipe to see if your school district is one of them



MD COUNTIES

Public high schools in **Montgomery, Howard, Baltimore City, Dorchester, and Prince George's** counties all have condoms available.

These counties made this decision to keep their students safe and healthy.

When Montgomery County began providing condoms in school nurses offices in 2018, the school board expected to receive backlash.

Instead, they were met with support from the community and some surprise that condoms were not already available in high schools.


THE BIG MYTH



"Putting condoms in schools promotes irresponsible behavior among students"



There are **no studies** that suggest putting condoms in schools will increase the amount of students engaging in sexual activity.



However, studies do show that giving students access to contraception will help prevent unplanned pregnancy and the spread of STIs. It also makes getting condoms less stressful for students.

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