

STD FAQ

How do I report an STD Case?

Simply go to our website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dhsp/ReportCase.htm>

Complete an STD Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) and follow instructions on the form for submission.

I thought the Laboratory reported the STD to the Health Department?

Yes, but the Laboratory only reports the positive lab results. Medical providers are also mandated to report certain diseases via a CMR. By completing the CMR, the provider **reports** crucial information like: clinical diagnosis, demographics, pregnancy status, treatment, any partner treatment.

My Patient's syphilis serology test results are confusing. How do I interpret them?

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is here to help you. For clinical STD consultation questions call the **Clinical Consultation (Clinical Guidance and Nursing) Unit at (213) 368-7441**

- o Available Mon-Fri 8:00 am-5:00 pm
- o Record searches: Patient's previous tests, results and treatment (Countywide)
- o Assistance with reporting a case
- o Consultation and recommendations

I can't get Bicillin G for my patient. What should I do-New Bicillin Delivery Options Available?

Call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Clinical Consultation unit (213) 368-7441 and ask for assistance. Program currently limited to a) pregnant people, b) cisgender women of reproductive age and their partner(s). A new program is being launched for expanded bicillin access to providers who care for Los Angeles County residents who are uninsured, and under insured diagnosed with Primary, Secondary or Early Syphilis who do not qualify for Medi-Cal.

My LAC-Patient Needs Help with Transportation to Clinic Visit for Syphilis Treatment

We can assist with getting a ride for your pregnant patient, or women of reproductive age. Simply call the Clinical Consultation Unit at (213) 368-7441 to inquire/arrange.

Should I wait to submit the CMR until I provide treatment?

Please report all cases of syphilis and acute HIV infection within 1 working day regardless of treatment. Providers and laboratories must report cases of gonorrhea, HIV and chancroid within 7 calendar days of diagnosis; laboratories must report all cases of chlamydia within 7 calendar days. If treatment is given after initial CMR submission, the update section of the CMR must be completed and re-submitted.

I can't get my patient back in for treatment. What should I do?

If your patient is not treated at all, please submit a CMR to report the case and check the box "not treated." Please note that the primary responsibility for treatment of STDs lies with the medical provider, so please make every attempt to notify the patient and have them treated. The Department of Public Health only has the capacity to ensure treatment for the most morbid STD cases, including early syphilis cases and syphilis cases in women.

I can't locate my patient's partner(s). What should I do?

If you are unable to locate or treat partner(s), please call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Partner Services Line (213) 639-4277.

How do I report an STD case outside of LA County, i.e. in Long Beach or Pasadena?

Complete and submit a CMR and contact the local health department:

Long Beach Health Department: (562) 570-4321

Pasadena Health Department: (626) 744-6089