

# 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. Instructional videos on how to complete the CMR are also available.

## **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) 570-4213

Pasadena Health Department: (626) 744-6089 or FAX a CMR

([http://www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicHealth/For\\_Providers/](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicHealth/For_Providers/)) to (626) 744-6115

## **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 Nursing & Guidance 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

**STD Clinical Consultation Network** <https://www.stdccn.org/> can assist licensed healthcare professionals and STD program staff. They do not provide direct medical care, treatment planning or medical services to individuals. Please note, consults placed after 4pm may not be triaged until the next business day.

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

Syphilis must be reported within 1 working day regardless of treatment. Cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea must be reported within 7 calendar days of diagnosis. If treatment is given after initial CMR submission, please complete the update section on the CMR and re-submit.

## **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 patients' 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) 639-6231.

## **I can't get Bicillin G for my pregnant patient. What should I do?**

Call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Clinical Nursing & Guidance unit (213) 368-7441 and ask for assistance.