

## **Public Health Communicable Disease Section**

## STD/HIV Update 2019

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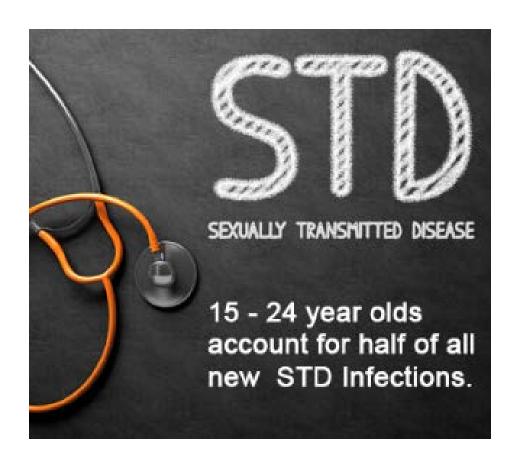


#### STD Reporting

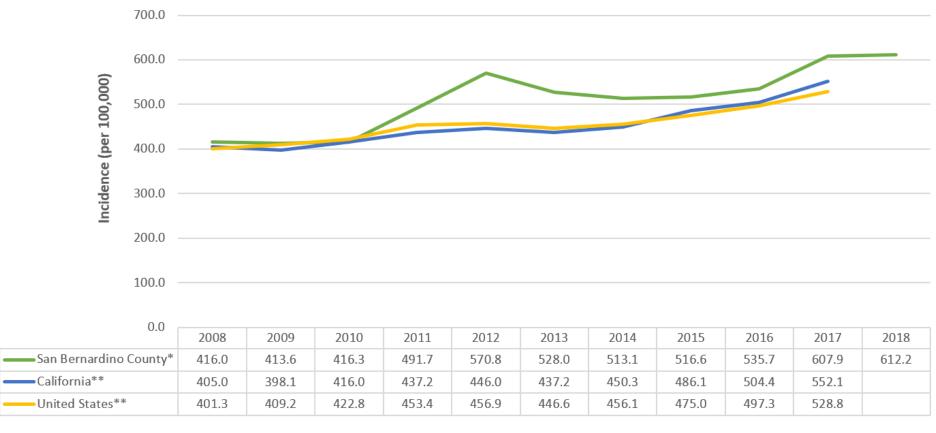
- Reportable conditions by providers and laboratories
  - Chlamydia, Gonorrhea & Syphilis (including congenital syphilis)
  - Not reported: Herpes, HPV, NGU, Scabies & Lice
- San Bernardino County received **21,090** STD reports in 2018
  - Increased by **3%** from 2017
- Communicable Disease Investigators (CDIs) follow
  - Untreated cases and partners
  - Priority cases: very young, pregnant, juvie & HIV-coinfected

## Younger Demographic

- Burden of disease shifting to younger demographic
  - Short duration of relationships common
  - Tend to have more partners due to online dating culture
  - Lack of access to health information and services
- 2018 cases in the 15-24 age range:
  - 60% positive for chlamydia
  - 40% positive for gonorrhea
  - 29% staged primary and secondary syphilis
  - 32% gave birth to a baby with congenital syphilis
  - 24% new HIV cases (2017)

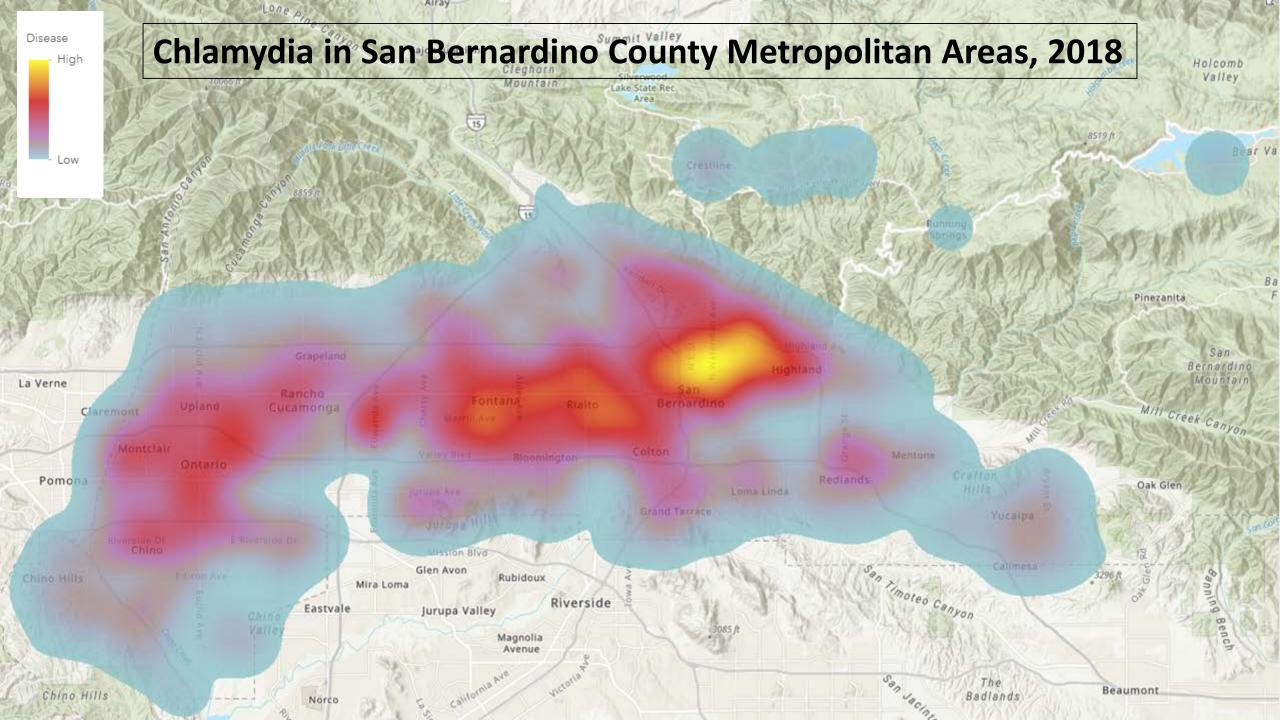


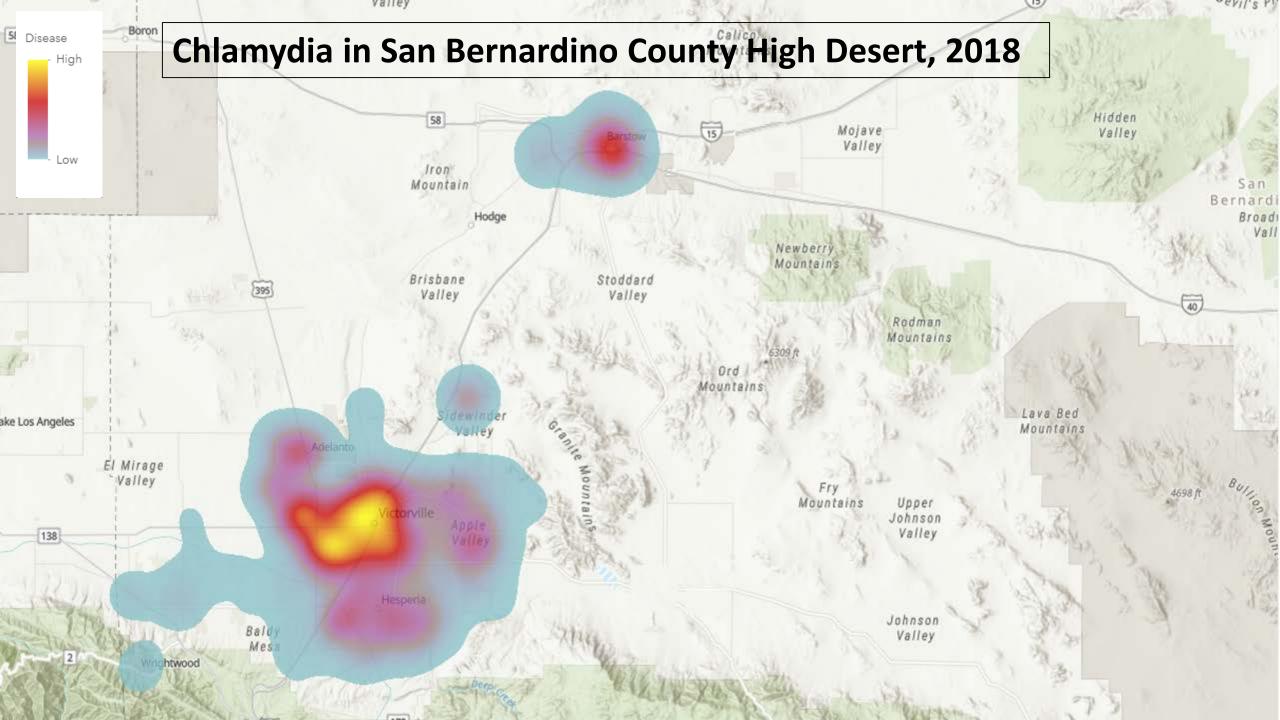
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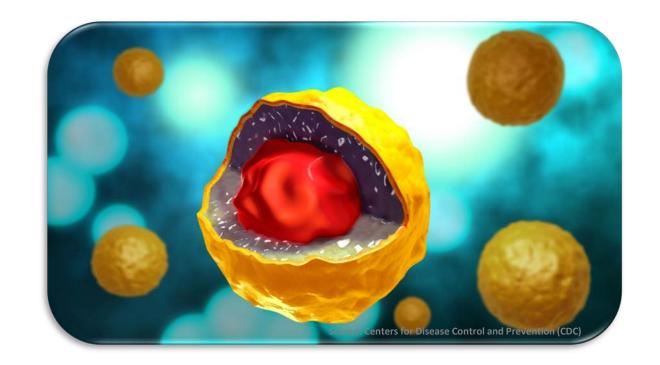
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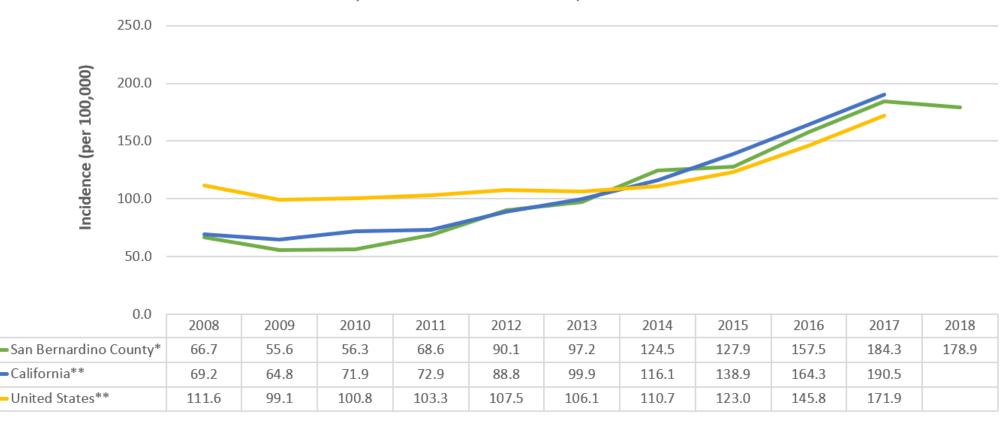


## Chlamydia

- Total of 13,382 reports received in 2018
  - 13,376 of which were confirmed, probable or suspect cases
- Females accounted for 70% of all cases
  - 15-24 years of age accounted for 64% of female cases
- A majority of cases were asymptomatic
  - Only 8% showed signs/symptoms
- Becoming re-infected is possible even after treatment
  - CDPH states that nearly 14% of women become re-infected within months of treatment
- Untreated females may experience complications with their pregnancy or reproductive health

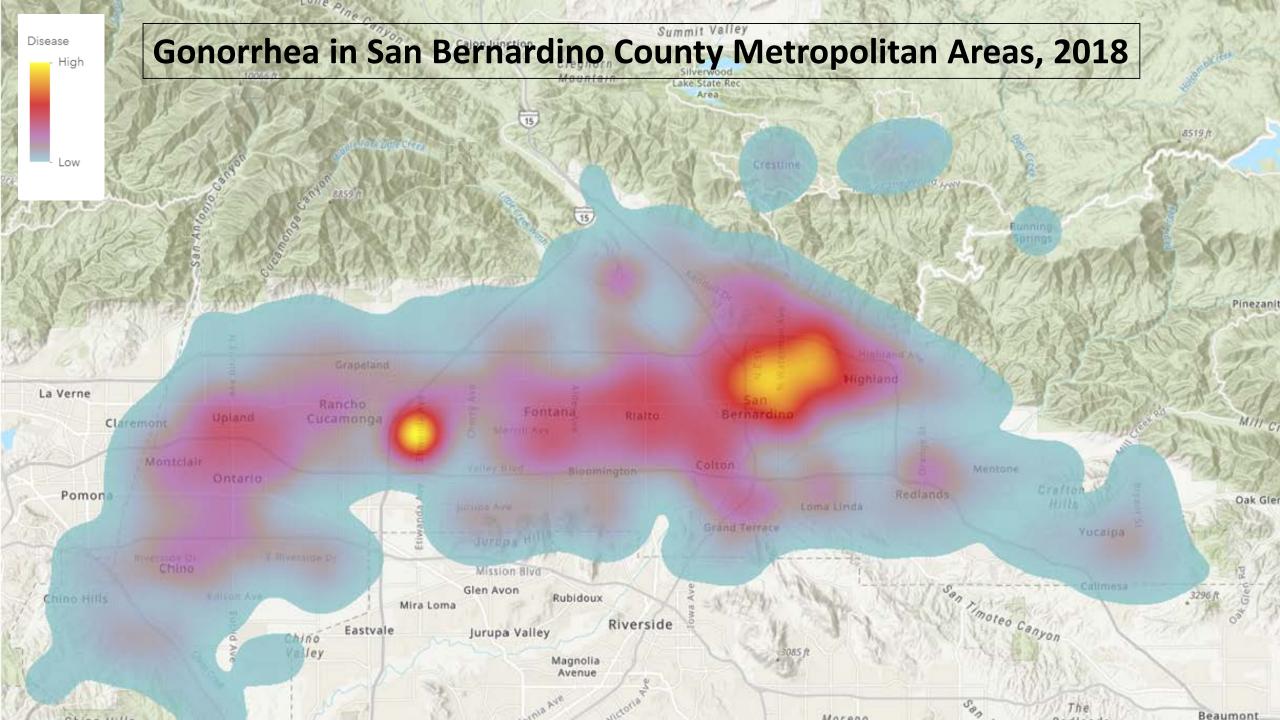


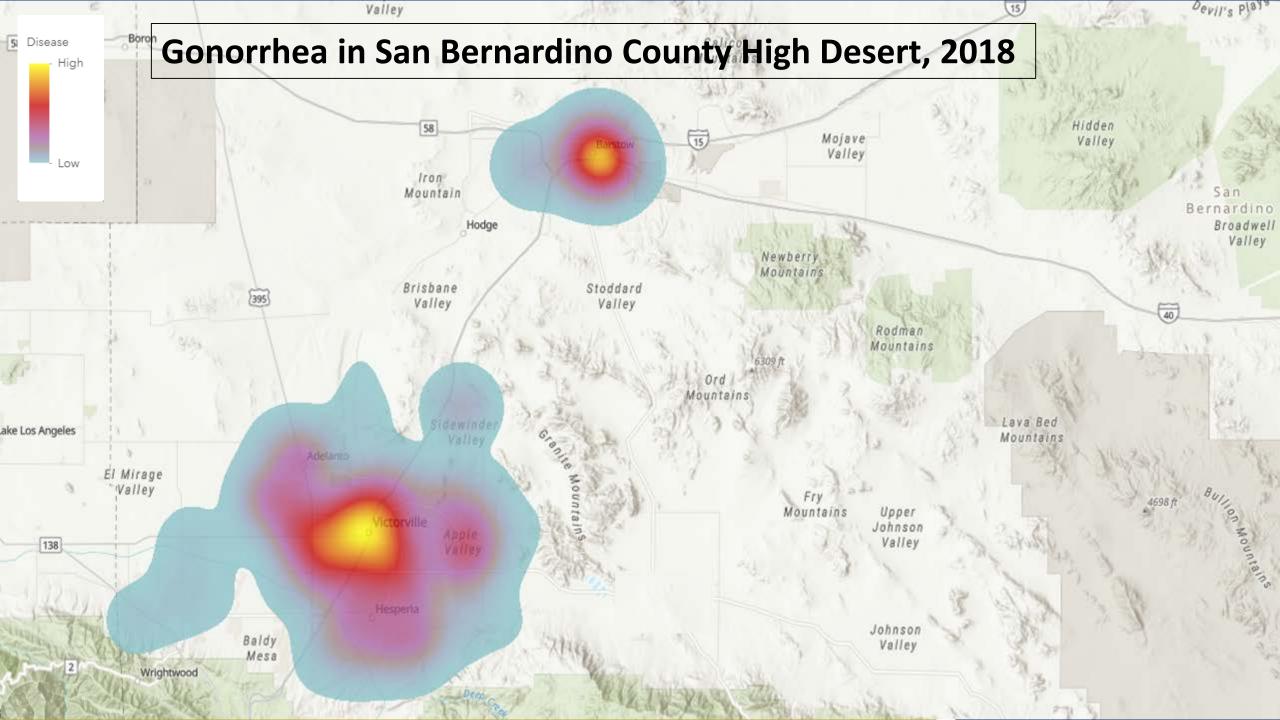
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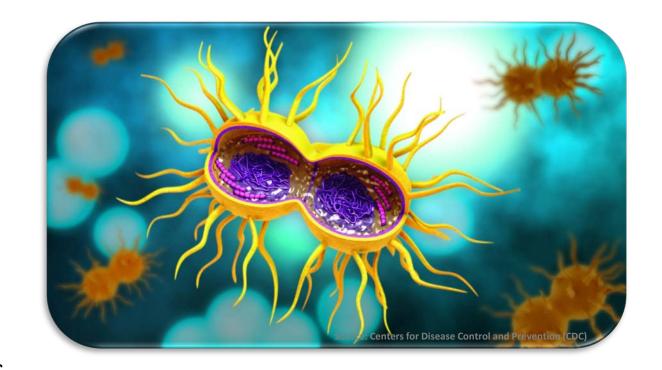
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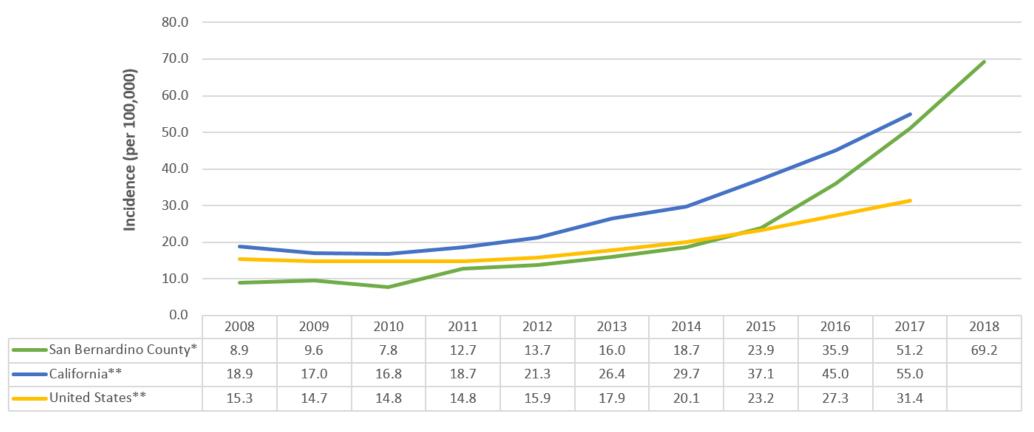




- Total of 3,940 reports received in 2018
  - 3,909 of which were confirmed, probable or suspect cases
- Males accounted for 54% of all cases
  - MSM accounted for 12% of male cases
  - CDPH states that MSM should be tested at all anatomic sites of exposure
    - Urine only testing can miss extra genital infections
  - MSM are more likely to be co-infected with HIV
- Becoming re-infected is possible even after treatment
  - CDPH states that nearly 12% of women become reinfected within months of treatment
- CDC has labeled resistance in Gonorrhea an urgent threat
  - 30% of isolates have some resistance to an antibiotic
  - Two antibiotics are now required for treatment last line of defense



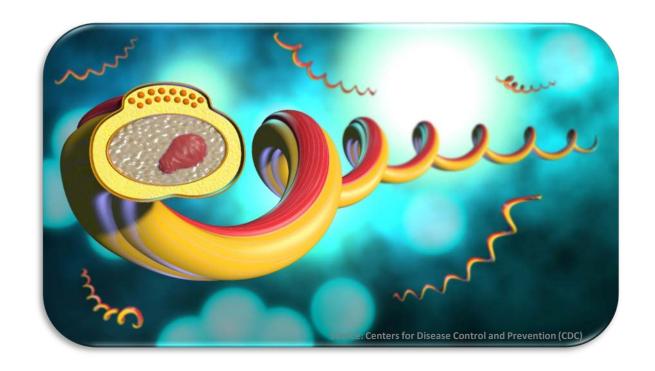
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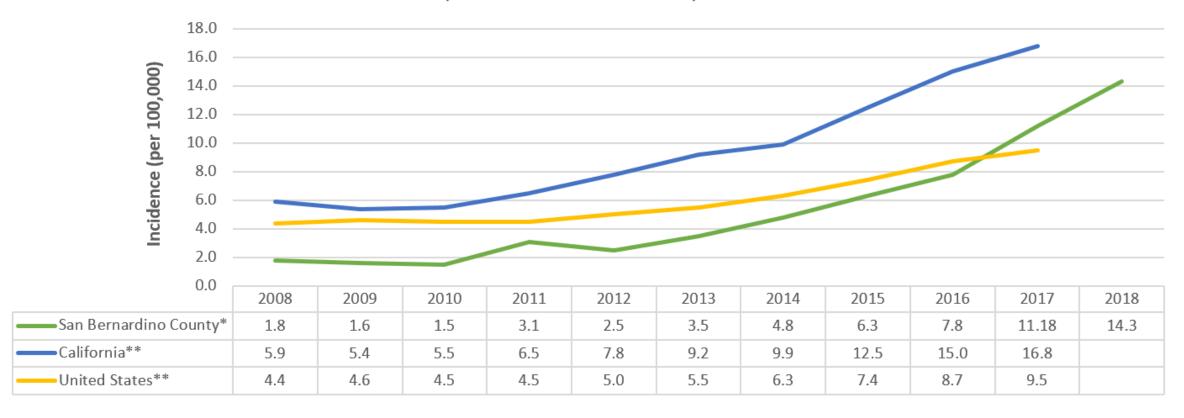
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### Syphilis (All Stages)

- Annually, the number of cases are increasing nationwide
- Total of 3,680 reports received in 2018
  - 1,512 of which were confirmed or probable cases
- Males accounted for 67% of all cases
  - MSM accounted for 38% of male cases
  - 36% are also co-infected with HIV
- The number of female cases have nearly tripled since 2016
  - Risk of congenital syphilis if untreated during pregnancy

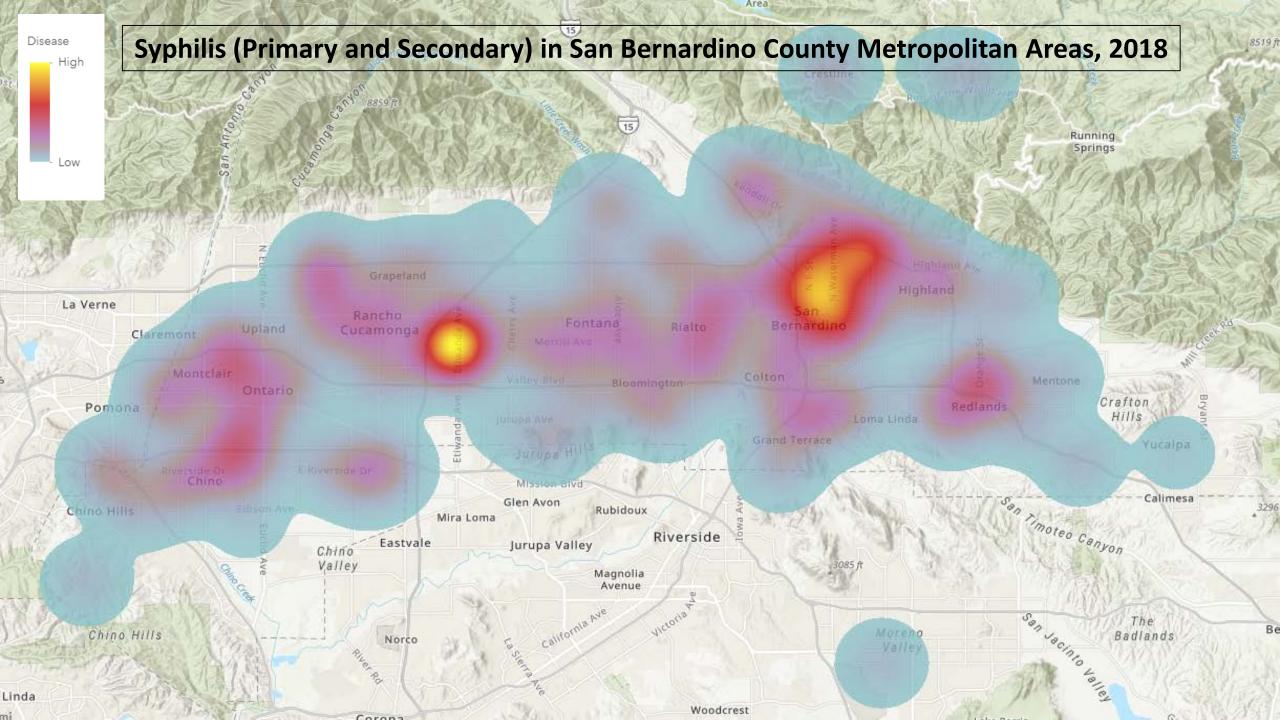


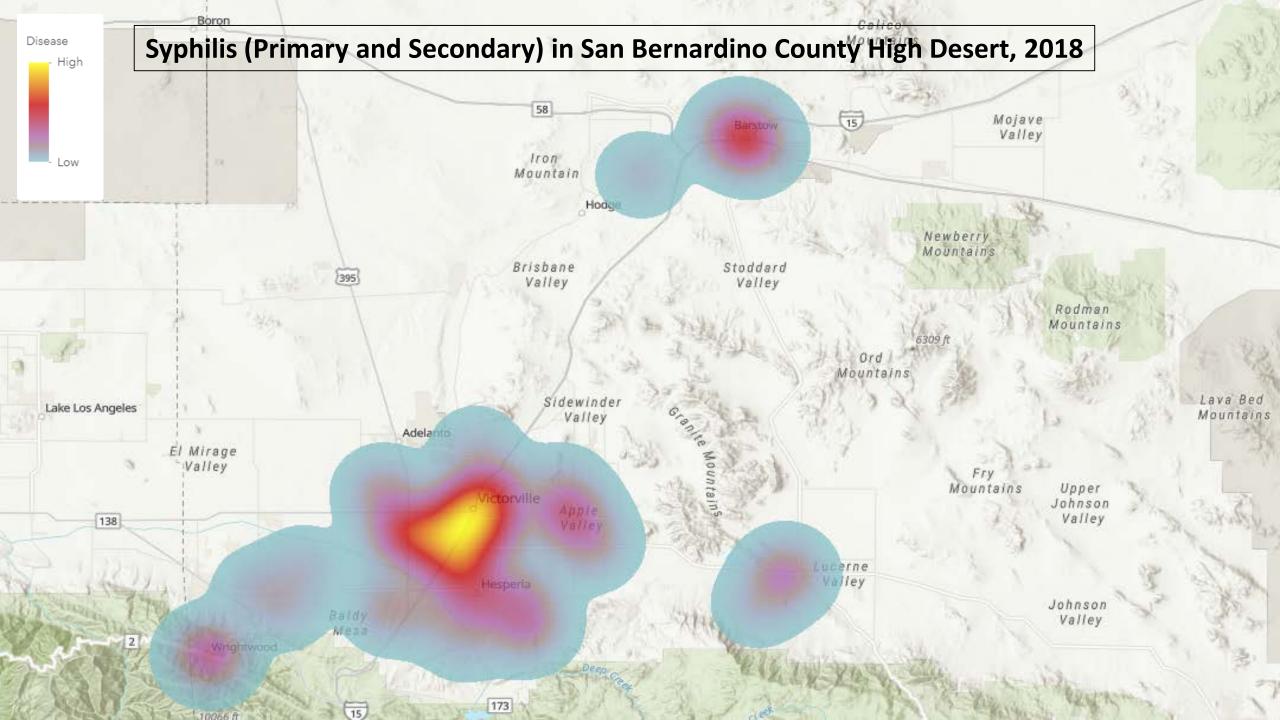
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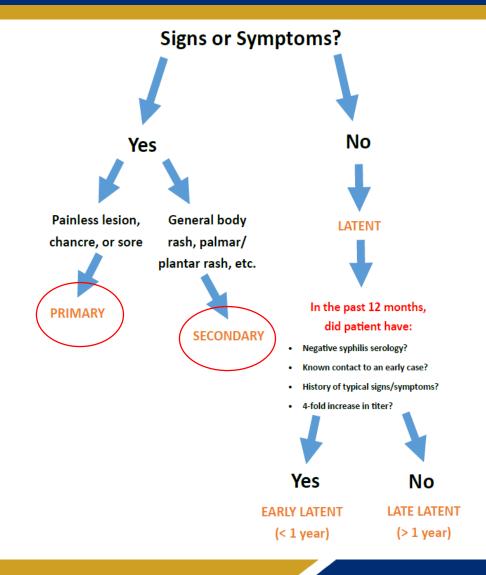
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## Syphilis (Primary & Secondary)

- In 2017, San Bernardino County ranked #31 in primary and secondary syphilis case numbers compared to all U.S. counties
- Total of 333 reports received in 2018
  - 313 of which were confirmed or probable cases
- Males accounted for 80% of all cases
- Primary and secondary syphilis are the most infectious stages of syphilis
  - Signs and symptoms associated with each stage
  - Treatment for both stages are the same



#### **Primary**



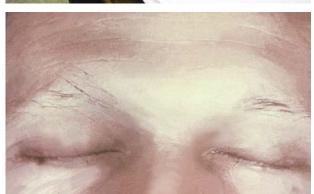


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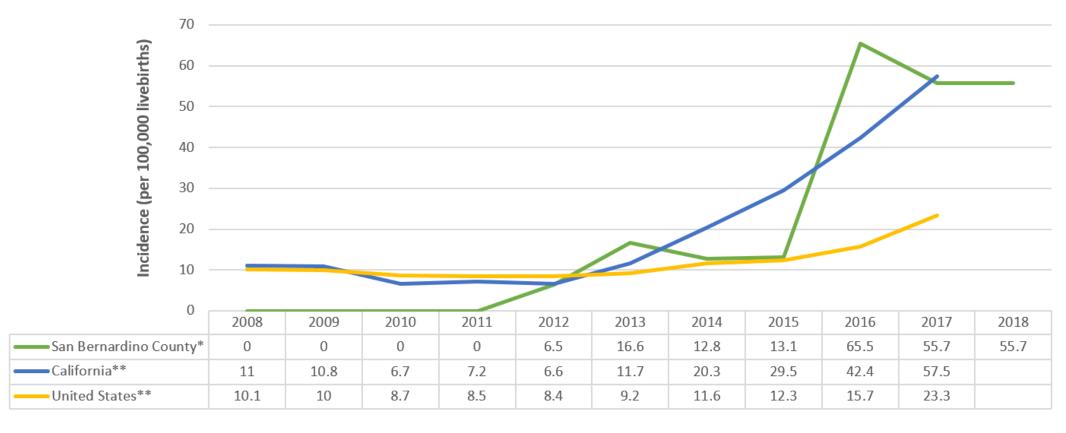






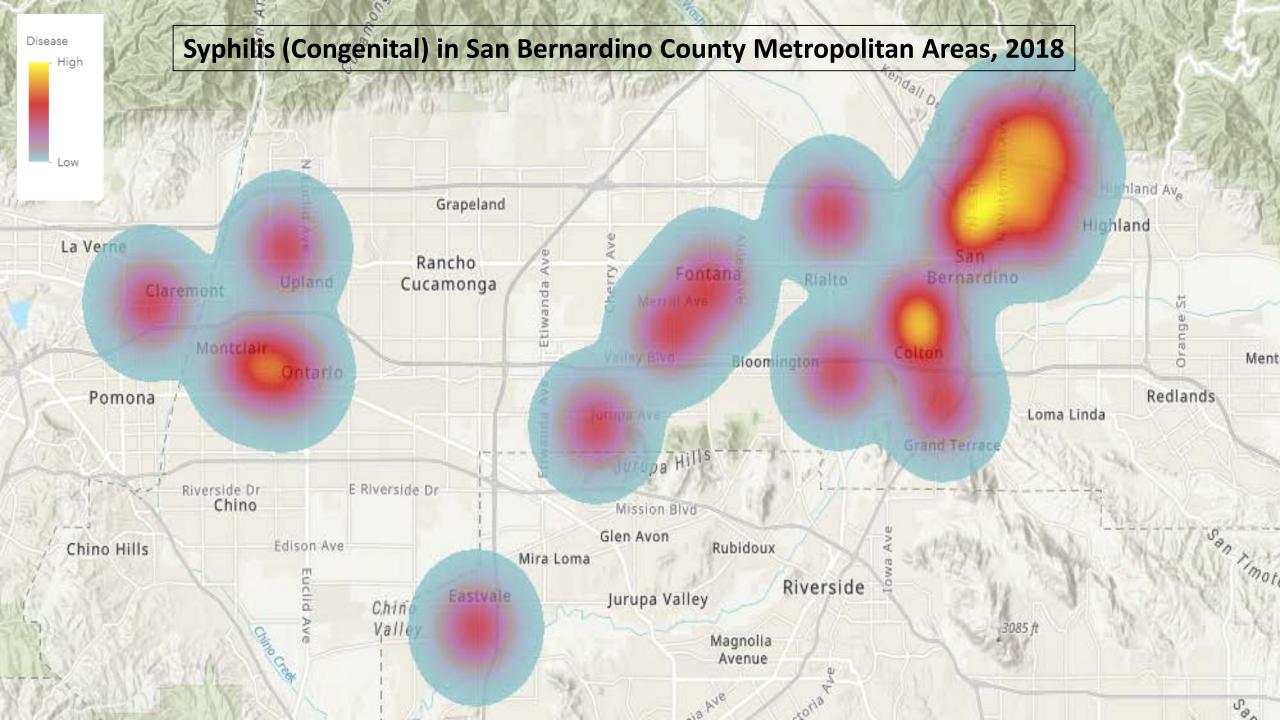


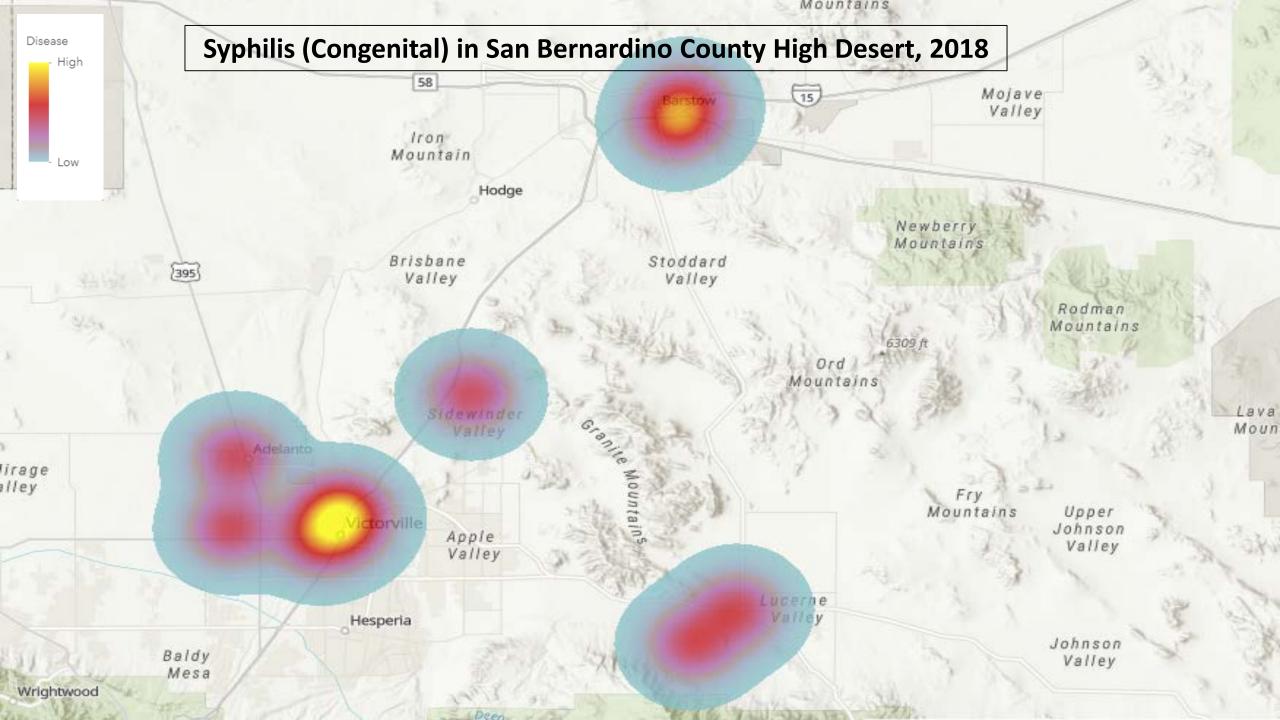
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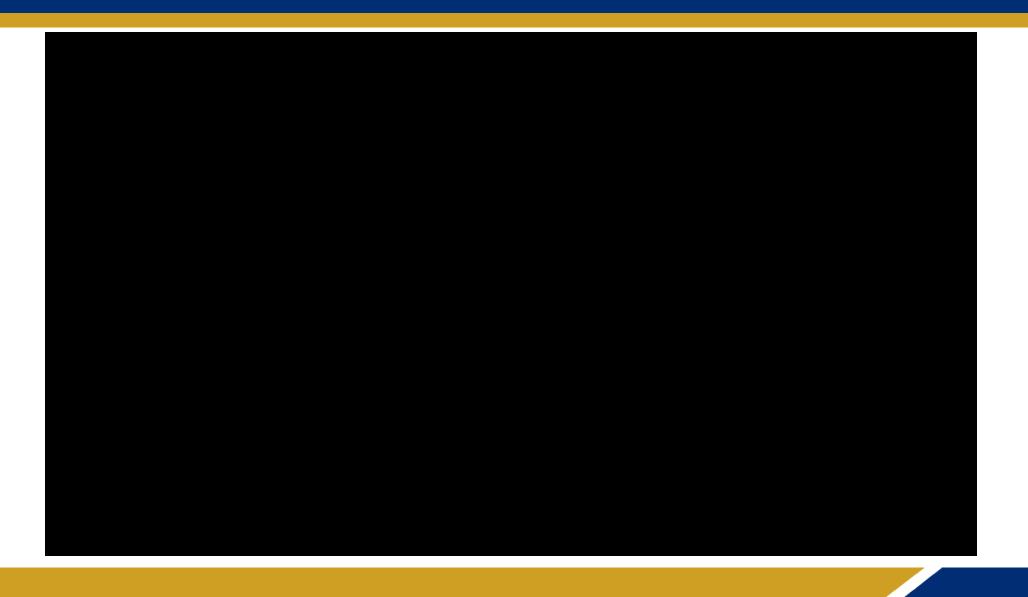


## Syphilis (Congenital)

- In 2017, San Bernardino County ranked #9 in congenital syphilis rates compared to all CA counties.
- Total of 87 reports received in 2018
  - 34 of which were actual cases
- 32% of female cases who gave birth to a baby with CS were in the 15-24 age range
- 30% of female cases who gave birth to a baby with CS have used/were using recreational drugs before or throughout their pregnancy
- Congenital syphilis cases are associated with recreational drug use, incarceration, lack of prenatal care, poverty and/or homelessness





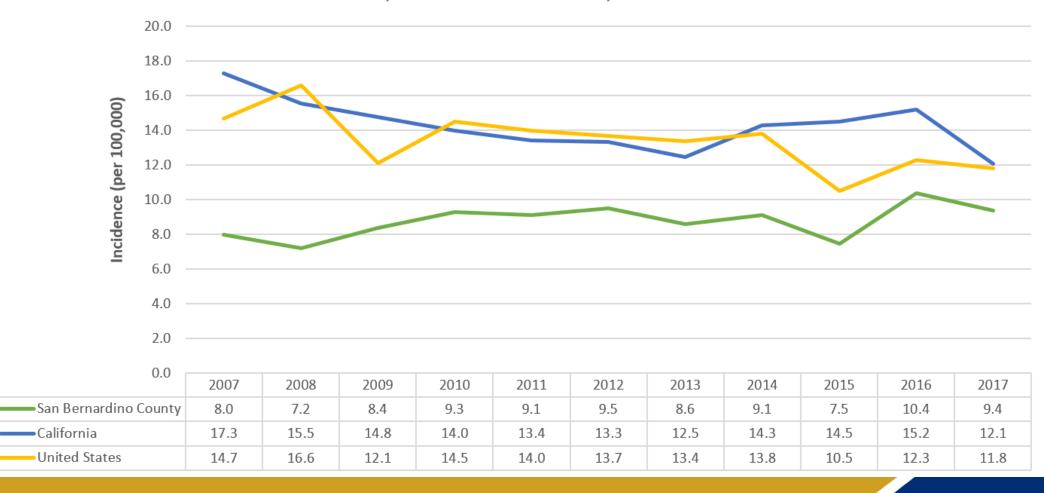


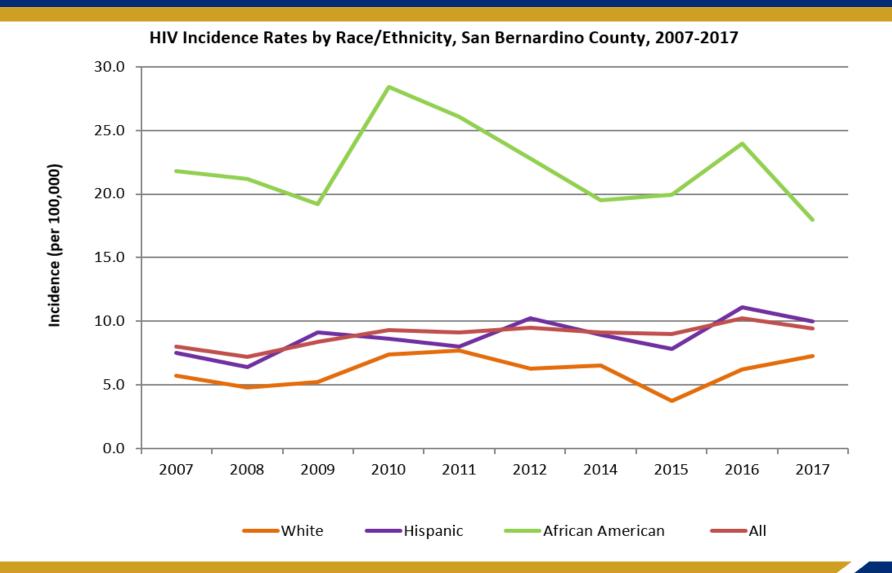
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- Being infected with STDs increases the chance of being infected with or transmitting HIV by 3-6 times
  - Open sores and cell layer breakdown provide pathway to bloodstream
  - White blood cells fighting an STD provide receptors for HIV
  - Infections lower natural defenses in vagina (pH and good bacteria)
  - Gonorrhea may increase the amount of HIV in semen



#### Incidence Rates for HIV in San Bernardino County, California, and the United States, 2007-2017



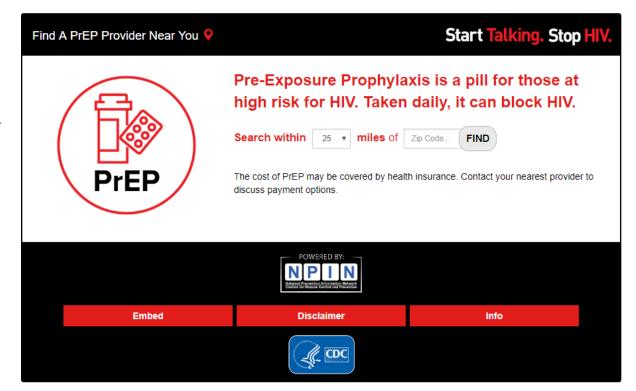


- Prevention with positives
  - Linkage to care, treatment adherence and support services to maintain undetectable viral loads
  - 81% of all persons living with HIV and are in care have undetectable viral loads which make them less infectious
  - New focus on acute HIV infections who are very infectious
- Why HIV testing is important
  - Many people with STDs are co-infected with HIV
  - Approximately 16% of HIV+ cases are unaware of their diagnosis
  - Approximately 23% of new HIV cases develop AIDS within 90 days
  - Public Health departments can notify partners and further prevent the infection from spreading



#### HIV Prevention (continued)

- Pre-Exposure Prohylaxis (PrEP)
  - High risk individuals take HIV meds to prevent from becoming infected
  - Truvada 2 HIV meds: 1 pill taken per day
  - Must continue to use condoms
  - Early side effects are mild and usually disappear
  - Clinical studies reduced risk up to 90%
    - MSM, discordant heterosexual couples
  - Requires regular medical monitoring
  - Many insurances will pay for PrEP



#### • STD Task Force

- Goals: raise awareness, look for interventions and decrease STDs in the County
- Attendees: providers, health agency representatives, community organizations, school representatives and youth

#### • STD Testing Van

- Van parks in designated *Hot Spots* including schools and parks where target demographic would be
- Tests include chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and HIV rapid tests
- Test and results are given in the same visit for chlamydia and gonorrhea

#### • Jail Testing

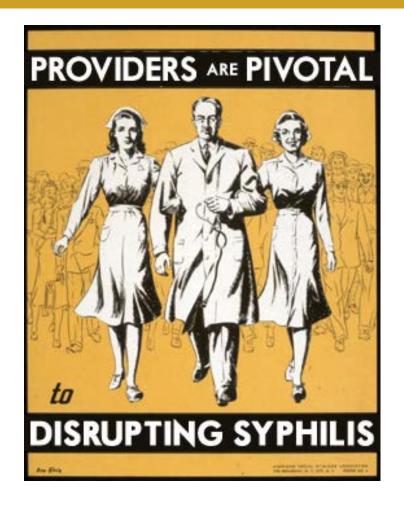
• Women under 35 years of age offered STD testing by vaginal swab



#### CDS STD Activities (continued)

#### Partnership with Providers

- Presentations at birthing hospitals in the County about congenital syphilis
  - Testing algorithm
  - Signs/symptoms associated with each stage
  - Proper treatment for each stage
  - Reporting guidelines
- CDS encourages providers to...
  - Educate patients
  - Request thorough sexual history
  - Testing/referral of partners
  - Provide treatment to partners
  - Report complete and in a timely manner to CDS
  - Link STD investigations with HIV testing



## **Questions?**

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