

STD FAQ

How do I report an STD case?

Simply go to our website: <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/programs/cds/reports-forms/>

Complete an STD Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) and follow instructions on the form 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, and any partner treatment.

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

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health is here to help you. For clinical STD consultation questions call the **Communicable Disease Section at (800) 722-4794**.

- o Available Mon-Fri 8:00 am-5:00 pm. After Hours, please call **(909) 356-3805** and ask for a Public Health Duty Officer
- 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 San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Communicable Disease Section **(800) 722-4794**.

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

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