

April 2017

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CHELAN-DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH



Current Conditions of Interest

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"Always Working for a Safer and Healthier Community"

April is STD Awareness Month

SYPHILIS returns!

Highest number and rate of reported cases
in more than 20 years

Why Are We Talking About Syphilis in 2017?

Once nearing elimination, [national data](#) highlight that syphilis is thriving. In 2015, the United States experienced the highest number and rate of reported primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis cases in more than 20 years.

During 2014-2015, **syphilis rates increased in every region, a majority of age groups, and across almost every race/ethnicity**. Men in general, and [gay and bisexual men](#) specifically, continue to face the highest levels of syphilis. In recent years, syphilis has also [risen among women](#). One of the most disturbing trends is back-to-back years of increasing rates among babies who were miscarried, stillborn, or born with syphilis, also known as [congenital syphilis](#). An increase in reports where syphilis affects the eye (i.e., [ocular syphilis](#)) has also occurred across the U.S. These cases can, and have, led to permanent blindness.

Wait, What is Syphilis Again?

[Syphilis](#) is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) that can have very serious complications when left untreated, but it is simple to cure with the right treatment.

- It's divided into three stages with primary and secondary (P&S) being the most infectious stages of the disease.
- Without appropriate treatment, long-term infection can result in severe medical problems affecting the heart, brain, and other organs of the body.
- Having syphilis also makes it easier to get HIV.

Syphilis's resurgence highlights its ability to affect many communities at anytime and anywhere. We cannot allow this to continue, so beginning this month, we encourage everyone to **disrupt syphilis!**

Syphilis By The Numbers:

In 2000, syphilis reached historic lows with less than 6,000 cases reported to CDC and a rate of only 2.1 cases per 100,000 people. Compare that to CDC's most recent [STD Surveillance Report](#) in 2015 when there were:

- 23,872 reported cases of P&S syphilis,
- 8.0 cases per 100,000 people, and
- a 19% rate increase since 2014.

The 2015 report also found that the highest rates of P&S syphilis were among men aged 25-29, among men in the West and in the South, and among African American men.

MSM Remain Hardest-Hit By Syphilis

MSM are experiencing rates of syphilis not seen since before the HIV epidemic. In 2015, MSM made up the [majority of primary and secondary \(P&S\) syphilis cases](#), and data suggest that an average of half of MSM who have syphilis are infected with HIV. [Previous research](#) also finds that MSM of color are particularly affected.

[More information available at the CDC
STD Awareness Month web site](#)





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2017 Reportable Conditions, Chelan-Douglas Counties

2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Chronic HCV	12	13	11										36
Campy	1		1										2
Salmonella													0
Shigella													0
E.coli			1										1
Giardia													0
Chronic HBV	1	1											2
Acute HBV			1										1
Rabies Prophy													0
Pertussis													0
Legionella													0
Listeria													0
Influenza Death	3	2											5
TB Disease													0
Cocci													0
													0
Zika													0
Total	17	16	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Not reported	73	45	39										157
OOJ	8	10	10										28

Not reported: Cases investigated but did not meet case definition for reporting.
OOJ (out of jurisdiction): Cases investigated but found to belong to another jurisdiction (county).

2017	CT	HSV	GC	LGV	Syp	HIV
Jan	49	2	8	0	1	0
Feb	47	0	0	0	1	0
Mar	49	2	5	0	1	1
Apr						
May						
Jun						
JUL						
AUG						
SEP						
OCT						
NOV						
DEC						
	145	4	13	0	3	1

Animal Rabies Testing		2017	
DATE	DOH #	ANIMAL	RESULT
1/5/2017	#17-0181	dog	NEG
3/6/2017	#17-0029	bat	NEG

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