



# San Francisco Monthly STD Report

Data for August, 2020  
Report prepared September 24, 2020

Table 1. STDs among residents, August, 2020. Female syphilis cases include patients assigned as female at birth.

	2020		2019	
	month	YTD	month	YTD
Gonorrhea	276	2,656	506	3,500
Male rectal gonorrhea	81	762	152	961
Chlamydia	381	3,898	850	6,451
Male rectal chlamydia	98	1,079	213	1619
Syphilis (adult total)	138	1103	160	1236
Primary & secondary	42	363	51	370
Early latent	65	505	82	641
Unknown latent	17	109	12	63
Late latent	14	126	15	162
Neurosyphilis	1	11	1	18
Congenital syphilis	2	3	1	3
Female syphilis	18	119	15	103

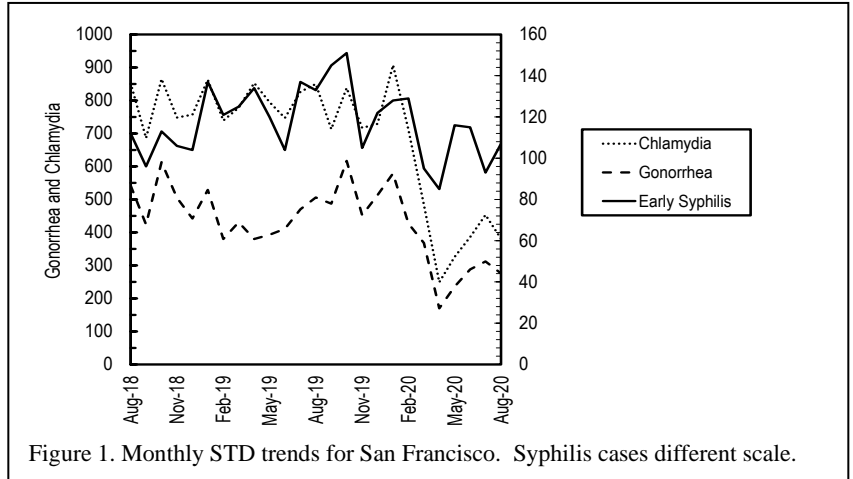


Figure 1. Monthly STD trends for San Francisco. Syphilis cases different scale.

Table 2. Selected STD cases and rates for San Francisco by age and race/ethnicity, 2020 through August only. Rates equal cases per 100,000 residents per year based on 2010 US Census Data.

	(All races)		Asian/PI		African American		Hispanic		White	
	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate	cases	rate
<i>All ages</i>										
Chlamydia	3,898	726.1	473	267.0	436	1,398.0	609	750.2	1,112	494.3
Gonorrhea	2,656	494.8	256	144.5	375	1,202.4	501	617.1	944	419.6
Early syphilis	868	161.7	104	58.7	119	381.6	207	255.0	333	148.0
<i>Under 20 yrs</i>										
Chlamydia	317	855.3	35	237.1	74	2,360.2	62	735.1	29	354.8
Gonorrhea	75	202.4	8	54.2	27	861.2	15	177.8	7	85.6
Early syphilis	1	2.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Table 3. HIV testing among City Clinic patients, August, 2020.

	2020		2019	
	month	YTD	month	YTD
Tests	201	1,837	521	3,981
Antibody positive	3	29	2	22
Acute HIV infection	0	0	0	3

Note: All statistics are provisional until the annual report is released for the year. Morbidity is based on date of diagnosis. Totals for past months may change due to delays in reporting from labs and providers.

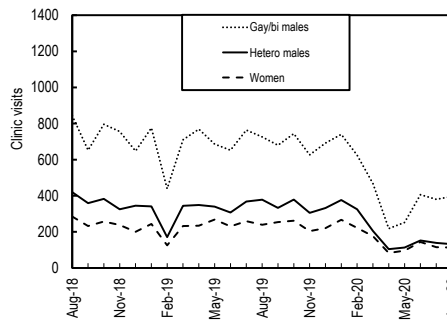


Figure 2. City Clinic visits by gender and orientation.

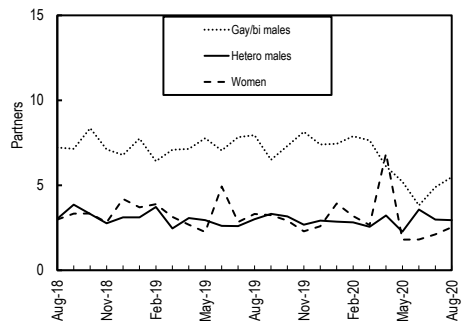


Figure 3. Average number of recent\* sex partners for City Clinic visits by gender and sexual orientation. \*Recall period is 3 months.

## Syphilis continues to increase among women – please screen and ensure treatment of your patients and their partners.

We encourage all providers to screen their patients according to citywide STD screening guidelines.

[http://sfcityclinic.org/providers/ScreeningandSurveillance\\_CitywideSTDscreeningguidance\\_0619.pdf](http://sfcityclinic.org/providers/ScreeningandSurveillance_CitywideSTDscreeningguidance_0619.pdf)

The San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFPDH) **LINCS** team (comprised of disease intervention specialists) ensures patients with syphilis are treated and confidentially provides prevention treatment and tests to their sex partners.

- ❖ **LINCS** partner services are voluntary and offered by skilled and client-centered SFPDH staff.
- ❖ Please encourage patients to work with us at SFPDH to prevent syphilis and help them stay healthy.
- ❖ To contact **LINCS**, call 415-487-5531 and fax to 415-431-4628 a confidential morbidity report (<https://www.sfcityclinic.org/providers/reporting>).
- ❖ Visit our website for more information: <https://www.sfcityclinic.org/providers>

## UPDATED Tip Sheet for Safer Sex During the COVID-19 Pandemic

On September 5, SFPDH updated its sexual health guidance to provide information about what is known about COVID-19 risk in relation to sexual activity and offers more detailed suggestions to have safer sex and reduce the risk of COVID-19.

> [https://www.sfcdcp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVID-19\\_Tips-for-Safer-Sex\\_FINAL\\_COVID-19-Sexual-Health-Tips\\_09.05.2020.pdf](https://www.sfcdcp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVID-19_Tips-for-Safer-Sex_FINAL_COVID-19-Sexual-Health-Tips_09.05.2020.pdf)

Exposure to COVID-19 can occur during sexual activities through direct contact and potential exchange of saliva, semen, mucus and feces; COVID-19 has not been identified in vaginal fluids. **All San Franciscans are required to wear a face covering when outside their residence and within six feet of other people who are not members of their household.** To minimize exposure to COVID-19 if you do have sex with others, keep your partners to a small, stable group and avoid group sex. If you usually meet your sex partners online or make a living by having sex, consider taking a break from in-person dates. Video dates, sexting or chat rooms may be options for you.

> SFPDH COVID-19 information for providers and patients are available online: <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp>

- For SF Health Care Providers <https://www.sfcdcp.org/infectious-diseases-a-to-z/coronavirus-2019-novel-coronavirus/coronavirus-2019-information-for-healthcare-providers/>

- For the SF Public <https://www.sfcdcp.org/infectious-diseases-a-to-z/coronavirus-2019-novel-coronavirus/>  
<http://www.sfcityclinic.org/covid-19-faq>

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