Frequently Asked Questions:

Why is the timely and accurate reporting of STD by doctors, clinics and hospitals so important?

Chlamydia and gonorrhea are the #1 and #2 most commonly reported disease of any type in the United States and Indiana. Public health cannot solve this problem alone — we need your help to ensure patients are treated promptly and adequately.

I thought the lab reported, so why does my practice have to?

Labs report some information, such as specific tests performed, and doctors report other information, such as treatment. Reports from both the labs and providers are necessary to ensure all the information for each case is received.

Where do I get a communicable disease report?

1. From your STD district office
2. ISDH website

http://www.in.gov/isdh/17440.htm

For additional information or questions, please contact:

Indiana State Department of Health
Division of HIV/STD
http://www.in.gov/isdh/17440.htm
317-233-7499

Indiana State Department of Health

www.StateHealth.in.gov

Indiana's District Reporting System for

STDs

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Gonorrhea
Chlamydia
Syphilis

Indiana State Department of Health

Indiana's Communicable Disease Reporting Rule for Physicians, Hospitals and Laboratories (410 IAC 1 - 2.3)

According to Indiana's Communicable Disease Reporting Rule for Physicians, Hospital and Laboratories (410 IAC 1 - 2.3), cases of communicable diseases are to be reported to the local health officer based on the patient's county of residence.

However, the State of Indiana uses a District Reporting System for reports of sexually transmitted diseases. This system notifies the Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) at the STD district offices who are considered to be the "authorized agent" for the local health departments. This is especially important for reporting chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, so that intervention efforts may be enhanced to prevent further disease transmission.

To facilitate timely reporting, we request that you FAX your communicable disease reports for these STDs directly to the STD district office within 72 hours.

For suspected or confirmed syphilis cases, please call the STD district office for immediate assistance.

A public health professional may call your office to obtain patient information needed for statistics or case investigation.

HIPAA allows your staff to provide patient information to the STD district office without written consent. Please help us by informing your patients with STDs-that a public health professional may be calling them.

STD District Offices by County

Jasper, Lake, Newton, Porter, LaPorte, Starke, Pulaski
Gary City Health Department
1145 West 5th Avenue
Gary, IN 46402
(219) 882-5565
(219) 881-1396 fax

Elkhart
Elkhart County Health Department
608 Oakland Avenue
Elkhart, IN 46516
(574) 523-2125
(574) 389-3153 fax

Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, Shelby
Marion County Health Department
The Bell Flower Clinic
640 Eskenazi Avenue
Fifth Third Bank Building
Indianapolis, IN 46202
(317) 221-8347
(317) 221-8301 fax

Allen
Allen County Health Department
4813 New Haven Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46803
(260) 449-3021
(260) 449-3507 fax

Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Orange, Ripley, Scott, Switzerland, Washington
Clark County Health Department
1301 Akers Avenue
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
(812) 283-2738
(812) 288-1474 fax

Cass, DeKalb, Fulton, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, St. Joseph, Steuben, Whitley
Northern Indiana Maternal Child Health
Network 413 West McKinley Avenue
Mishawaka, IN 46545
(574) 282-3230 x112
(574) 387-4047 fax

Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, Warrick
Vanderburgh County Health Department
420 Mulberry Street
Evansville, IN 47713
(812) 435-5683
(812) 435-5041 fax

Bartholomew, Brown, Clay, Greene, Lawrence, Monroe, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo
Monroe County Health Department
117 West 7th Street
Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 349-2829
(812) 349-7346 fax

Adams, Blackford, Grant, Huntington, Jay, Madison, Miami, Wabash, Wells
Madison County Health Department
206 East 9th Street
Anderson, IN 46016
(765) 641-9523
(765) 646-9208 fax

Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, White
Tippecanoe County Health Department
629 North Sixth Street
Lafayette, IN 47901
(765) 423-9222
(765) 423-9229 fax

Decatur, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Henry, Randolph, Rush, Wayne, Union
Meridian Health Services
240 North Tillotson Avenue
Muncie, IN 47304
(765) 288-1928
888-389-9810 fax