

Reporting Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV Infection and AIDS

Reportable sexually transmitted diseases (STD) include chlamydia (*Chlamydia trachomatis*), gonorrhea (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae*), syphilis (*Treponema pallidum*), and chancroid (*Haemophilus ducreyi*). Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and Acquired Immunodeficiency Virus (AIDS) infection are two distinct reportable conditions (e.g., providers must report a new diagnosis of AIDS in a patient who has already been reported as HIV-positive).

Suspected or confirmed cases should be reported as rapidly as possible, but *no later than 5 working days* after the condition is first diagnosed/suspected.

- The preferred method for reporting is by faxing the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Report Form found at the link below; however, reporting via phone, mail, or RTR are also acceptable.
- HIV/STD Program personnel will follow-up with the reporting health care provider if treatment information is insufficient or inconsistent with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Sexually Transmitted Disease Treatment Guidelines.
- Providers should report all diagnosed or suspected cases of HIV in patients who are *new to their care*.

As of December 29, 2013, health care providers must also include in their reports the pregnancy status of women who are suspected or confirmed to be infected with HIV or a reportable STD. Any new pregnancy in a woman known to be infected with HIV or syphilis is also reportable.

Timely partner identification, notification, diagnosis, and treatment are critical activities to limit HIV/STD transmission. All patients should be interviewed for sexual partners. Identified partners should be notified of their exposure and offered timely testing and treatment. HIV/STD Program personnel are available to assist with this process.

HIV/STD Report Form: <http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/pubs/conditions/frmSTD.pdf>

An alternate method of reporting is to use the Rapid Telephonic Reporting (RTR) System to leave a confidential message that includes all data fields from the form:

Anchorage area – RTR Phone: 561-4234
Outside Anchorage – RTR Phone: 1-800-478-1700

Contact: Section of Epidemiology, HIV/STD Program
Telephone: 907-269-8000
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