



# San Francisco Monthly STD Report

Data for October, 2020  
Report prepared December 16, 2020

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

	2020		2019	
	month	YTD	month	YTD
Gonorrhea	374	3,381	617	4,604
Male rectal gonorrhea	101	964	189	1,283
Chlamydia	453	4,819	838	8,002
Male rectal chlamydia	115	1,329	223	2,033
Syphilis (adult total)	152	1,426	186	1,592
Primary & secondary	45	456	78	497
Early latent	61	624	73	810
Unknown latent	23	167	11	86
Late latent	23	179	24	199
Neurosyphilis	2	15	2	20
Congenital syphilis	1	5	0	3
Female syphilis	17	149	18	133

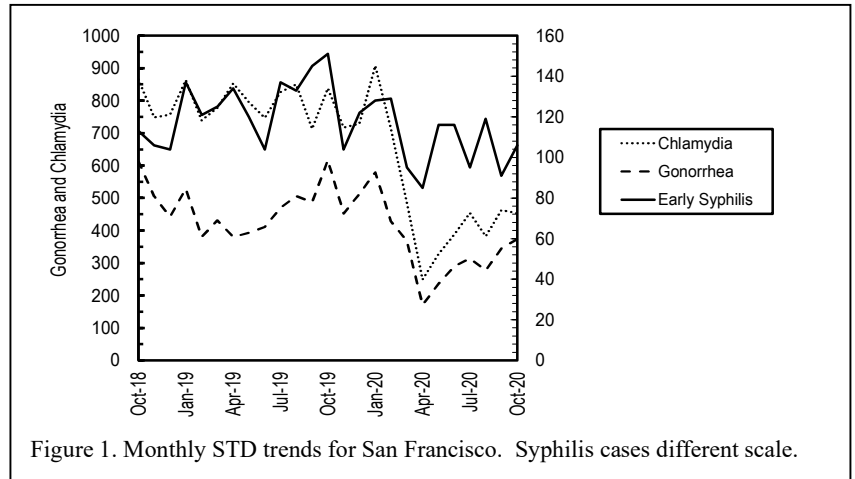


Figure 1. Monthly STD trends for San Francisco. Syphilis cases different scale.

Table 2. Selected STD cases and rates for San Francisco by age and race/ethnicity, 2020 through October 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	4,819	718.2	587	265.1	546	1,400.6	747	736.1	1,363	484.7
Gonorrhea	3,381	503.9	331	149.5	497	1,274.9	643	633.6	1,197	425.7
Early syphilis	1,080	161.0	131	59.2	145	372.0	268	264.1	407	144.7
<i>Under 20 yrs</i>										
Chlamydia	389	839.7	40	216.8	92	2,347.4	73	692.4	41	401.2
Gonorrhea	100	215.9	10	54.2	34	867.5	18	170.7	10	97.9
Early syphilis	2	4.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	9.5	0	0.0

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

	2020		2019	
	month	YTD	month	YTD
Tests	227	2,269	481	4,976
Antibody positive	1	33	2	25
Acute HIV infection	0	1	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.

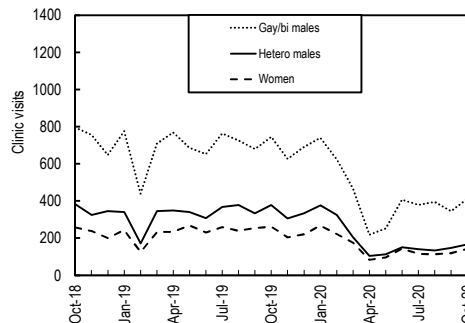


Figure 2. City Clinic visits by gender and orientation.

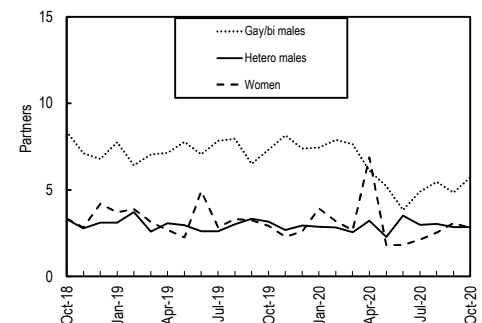


Figure 3. Average number of recent\* sex partners for City Clinic visits by gender and sexual orientation.  
\*Recall period is 3 months.

## Four congenital syphilis cases have been reported this year and 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://sfccityclinic.org/providers/ScreeningandSurveillance\\_CitywideSTDscreeningguidance\\_0619.pdf](http://sfccityclinic.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.sfccityclinic.org/providers/reporting>).
- ❖ Visit our website for more information: <https://www.sfccityclinic.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.sfdph.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVID-19\\_Tips-for-Safer-Sex\\_FINAL\\_COVID-19-Sexual-Health-Tips\\_09.05.2020.pdf](https://www.sfdph.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.sfdcdph.org/infectious-diseases-a-to-z/coronavirus-2019-novel-coronavirus/coronavirus-2019-information-for-healthcare-providers/>
- For the SF Public <https://www.sfdcdph.org/infectious-diseases-a-to-z/coronavirus-2019-novel-coronavirus/>  
<http://www.sfccityclinic.org/covid-19-faq>

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