Editorial Note: STD Clinic Operations during the COVID-19 Emergency

The HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) of Public Health Services is committed to maintaining its capacity to provide clinical services to address the continuing sexually transmitted disease (STD) epidemics in the region. The four County of San Diego STD clinic sites remain open during the COVID-19 emergency. In order to protect the health and safety of the public and staff, the following changes have been implemented and will be in effect until further notice:

- The clinics no longer offer routine test-only visits for asymptomatic clients who have no known STD exposures. Clinic appointments will be reserved for clients with symptoms suggestive of an STD, a positive test for an STD, and/or known exposure to someone with an STD.
- At the main STD clinic at the County Health Services Complex (i.e., the Rosecrans clinic), services are provided by appointment only.
- All clients will undergo screening for symptoms of and risk factors for COVID-19 upon arrival to the clinic and when they call to schedule an appointment. Clients who have cough, shortness of breath, or fever will be requested to defer their STD Clinic visit. Clients also may be required to have their temperature taken prior to entering County facilities.
- The hours of operation at the Rosecrans clinic remain the same. The STD clinics in the Central, North Coastal, and South Regions have shortened their hours slightly.
- Providers who wish to refer patients to the STD clinic for treatment of syphilis should call (619) 692-8501.
- Providers who wish to refer patients to the STD clinic for treatment of other STDs (e.g., gonorrhea) should call (619) 692-8551 or (619) 609-3245.

As this is a constantly evolving situation, things may change without notice. Please see http://www.stdsandiego.org for updates. For COVID-19 updates and other resources, please visit the County of San Diego COVID-19 page.