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Katherine,

Just a heads up. The CDC will release the attached information regarding STD surveillance data at noon today. A snapshot of this data is provided below. Please let me know if you have any questions for DHEC staff.

Thanks,

Katie

Annual CDC snapshot of STDs finds that overall reported cases are increasing, some at an alarming rate. Like the US SC rates have increased.

South Carolina	2014 rates	SC Rank
Chlamydia	588.2	5
Gonorrhea	172.8	4
Syphilis (1 and 2)	5.2	18
Syphilis (congenital)	8.7	17

While anyone can become infected with an STD, certain groups, including young people and gay and bisexual men, are at greatest risk.

Young people are still at the highest risk of acquiring an STD and most vulnerable to their damaging effects.

Many cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis continue to go undiagnosed and unreported. As a result, the annual surveillance report captures only a fraction of the true burden of STDs in America. Hence, increased rates could be due to increased reporting.

