

Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) /HIV Quarterly Report

San Mateo County (SMC) Health, STI/HIV Program

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Table 1 STI Cases Reported Among County of San Mateo Residents by Quarter (Oct 1 - Dec 31) and Year to Date for 2022 and 2021

		2022		2021	
		4th Qtr	YTD	4th Qtr	YTD
Chlamydia trachomatis (CT)	Total	667	2,492	579	2,347
	Male	313	1,135	269	1,019
	Female	352	1,349	308	1,320
	Transgender/Other/ Unknown¹	2	8	2	8
Lymphogranuloma Venereum (LGV)		0	0	0	0
Gonorrhea (GC)	Total	224	863	198	792
	Male	169	669	154	586
	Female Transgender/Other/	51	183	42	199
	Unknown ¹	4	10	2	7
GC Clinical Site ²	Urine	115	440	101	404
	Genitourinary	18	57	17	94
	Rectal	63	237	56	182
	Pharyngeal	57	261	46	195
	Unknown/Missing	10	21	3	28
	DGI ³	0	1	1	6
Syphilis	Total	78	311	55	225
	Female	13	49	12	49
Early Syphilis⁴	Total Male	47	201	39	146
	Female	39	169	32	120
	Transgender/Other/	6	25	6	23
	Unknown ¹	2	7	1	3
Syphilis by Stage	Primary	17	39	5	23
	Secondary	8	52	9	43
	Early Latent	22	110	25	80
	Late Latent	31	107	15	76
	Congenital Neurosyphilis ⁵	0 1	3 9	1 3	3 7
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YTD: Year to Date. ¹Due to data limitations and confidentiality concerns, transgender women, transgender men, and gender diverse persons are combined ²Clinical sites for gonorrhea are non-exclusive (individual patient may have multiple sites tested). ³Disseminated Gonococcal Infection. ⁴Early Syphilis is defined as primary, secondary, and early latent. ⁵Cases not included in the total as neurosyphilis is a sequelae and not a stage; the neurosyphilis cases are captured under other syphilis stages.

- Total syphilis cases increased by 38% and early syphilis increased 38% compared to this time last year. 49 syphilis cases (16%) were female in 2022 compared to 45 (22%) in 2022.
- CT increased 11% in men and increased 2% in women compared to this time last year. GC increased 14% in men and decreased 8% in women compared to last year.
- Specimens tested for HIV decreased 9% compared to last year. To date in 2022, HIV positive prevalence is higher than 2021 (1.1% versus 0.9%).

Table 2 HIV testing through the San Mateo County Health by Quarter (Oct 1 - Dec 31) and Year to Date for 2022 and 2021

	2022		2021	
	4th Qtr	YTD	4th Qtr	YTD
Total Specimens Tested for HIV	2,093	7,421	1,878	7,942
SMC-STI Clinic	35	125	10	108
STI/HIV Program Outreach ²	54	257	0	0
Other County Clinics ³	2,004	7,039	1,868	7,834
Total HIV Antibody Positive	18	84	19	68
SMC-STI Clinic	0	3	1	3
STI/HIV Program Outreach ²	0	0	0	0
Other County Clinics ³	18	81	18	65
Total New HIV Cases	4	24	5	18

¹The HIV antibody positives do not reflect the true burden of disease. Some patients may be repeat testers. ²Testing-on-Demand and STI/HIV Program HIV Rapid Tests. ³Includes all HIV testing (oral and blood) at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC), SMMC Satellite Clinics, SMC Public Health (PH) Clinics, and PH Subcontractors. Beginning Aug 2015, a 4th generation HIV screening test was implemented. HIV positive cases may not yet be confirmed by HIV-1/HIV-2 differentiation immunoassay.

Antibiotic Resistant Neisseria Gonorrhoeae (NG) Public Health Threat Grows, NG culture available at SMC STD Clinic

- January 2022: NG strain with reduced resistance to multiple antibiotic classes identified in Massachusetts, first US isolate with this degree of resistance
- •Re-test pharyngeal NG patients at 14 days for test of cure. Pharyngeal infections are more difficult to treat than urogenital or anorectal. See CDC STI Treatment Guidelines.
- •If NG treatment failure suspected, specimens for culture and NAATs should be collected; notify SMC STI. See CDPH Clinical Guidelines for Gonorrhea Treatment and Management of Suspected Treatment Failure.
- •SMC STD Clinic has capacity to do NG culture