

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Dear Healthcare Provider,

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment to improving the health of our community in Central Florida. As a health care provider, you play a vital role in helping to further reduce the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STI) in Central Florida.

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding STI surveillance in our region. As of July 1, 2024, the STI surveillance operations for Area 7 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties) will no longer be centralized. Instead, each County Health Department (CHD) will assume responsibility for receiving STI reports and conducting surveillance and investigation within their respective counties. Consequently, the Florida Department of Health in Orange County (FDOH-Orange) will now conduct STI surveillance and investigation activities within Orange County only. Please ensure that the required reportable conditions are directed to the county in which the client lives.

This transition marks a strategic shift in our approach to STI monitoring and management, allowing for more localized and responsive efforts to address the unique needs of each community. By decentralizing surveillance operations, we aim to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our STI prevention and control efforts.

As a valued healthcare provider in our network, we request your cooperation and support during this transition period. We encourage you to direct all STI reporting and surveillance-related inquiries, including data submission and information requests, to FDOH-Orange.

Please feel free to reach out to the following staff at FDOH-Orange for any further clarification or assistance regarding STI surveillance processes:

STI Fax Line for Orange County	STI Surveillance Team			
(407) 845-6134	Amber Harvey (407) 723-4230	Aysha Khan (407) 723-4105	Viola Lofton (407) 905-8827	Zoe Smuckler (407) 723-4055

Attached is the recently revised surveillance form for your reference. Please utilize this form to report required reportable conditions per Fla. Admin. Code Ann. ch. 64D-3 (2021). The list of reportable conditions is attached for your convenience.

Additionally, an electronic version of the reporting form can be accessed at <https://orange.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/std/reporting-guidelines.html>.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to strengthen STI prevention and control efforts in Orange County.

Sincerely,

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