Memo: State and County STI & HIV Statics – Existing Data & Data Requests, June 2017

**Purpose:**

It has been brought to the attention of the KALHD Informatics Subcommittee that some LHDs are unaware of their ability to access historical records for STI/HIV rates. This includes the process for additional county/regional specific data, provided through a data request form. The intent of the following information is to make departments aware of the available information and correct processes for requesting additional data.

**Existing Data Sources:**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Disease Control & Prevention has STI/HIV data on their public website. It can be accessed here: [http://www.kdheks.gov/sti_hiv/index.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/sti_hiv/index.htm). The STI Statistics reports contain information based on case counts and case rates. These reports can include cases/rates of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and early, primary & secondary, and latent syphilis. Some items are reported at the county level. When on the STI/HIV Home page, look for the boxes below to access the STI/HIV data.

**Additional Data Requests:**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Disease Control & Prevention acknowledges that additional and or more detailed information might be needed for local planning and interventions. Because of this, the bureau has an additional data request form. This form is titled “STI/HIV Surveillance Data Request Form” and can be located here: [https://www.dhe.state.ks.us/Community/se.ashx?s=11B9BDC94AC3160B](https://www.dhe.state.ks.us/Community/se.ashx?s=11B9BDC94AC3160B) or on the STI/HIV home page, scroll to the Surveillance section and select “Click here for more information.” Once on the Surveillance page, scroll to the section titled Online Data Request Form and select the provided link. Data Requests are handled on an individual basis. There will be times KDHE will be unable to complete requests, but will work with counties to identify best methods for utilizing current data.

One health department recently requested information to help target education for specific demographics.

“I was looking for data that would help me educate the community of the risky behaviors that we are seeing with our younger population, but also what was happening in our late middle-aged group. We were also wanting to know the ethnicity and the age range. In a meeting with a school nurse, there was a request for numbers on the STI’s in the school-aged population. I was happy to be able to share these and explained that it is preliminary data. We discussed if there was a need to dive deeper in a specific field that could contact the state to help do this. Just having this conversation has opened up a communication door that was not available to us earlier in the year!”

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