Sexual Health Services Post COVID

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Sexual Health Services during COVID

- Services restricted
  - Limited routine testing for HIV and STD
  - Treating STD symptomatic individuals exclusively
- Longer wait times for new PrEP patients
- Individuals were reluctant to come in to a clinic
Discussing the impact..
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Response from Provider Community

• Implementation of at-home HIV and STD tests

• Focus on treating STD symptomatic patients

• Prioritize PEP services and linkage to care for newly diagnosed HIV+ persons

• Use of telehealth services for PrEP
Sexual Health services in a post-COVID world

• Opportunity to recast how we deliver Sexual Health services

  • Create multiple avenues for individuals to access sexual health
    • In-person at clinic
    • Go directly to organization’s contracted lab
    • Use of at-home test kits
    • In the case of PrEP – use of Telehealth to complete PrEP AP applications, Gilead PAP

  • Focus on easier access and efficiency
    • Evening hours, weekends
    • Ability to make appointments and complete paperwork online

  • Eliminate the use of invasive risk assessments

  • Offer sexual health services that take into account the whole person
Thank you!!