



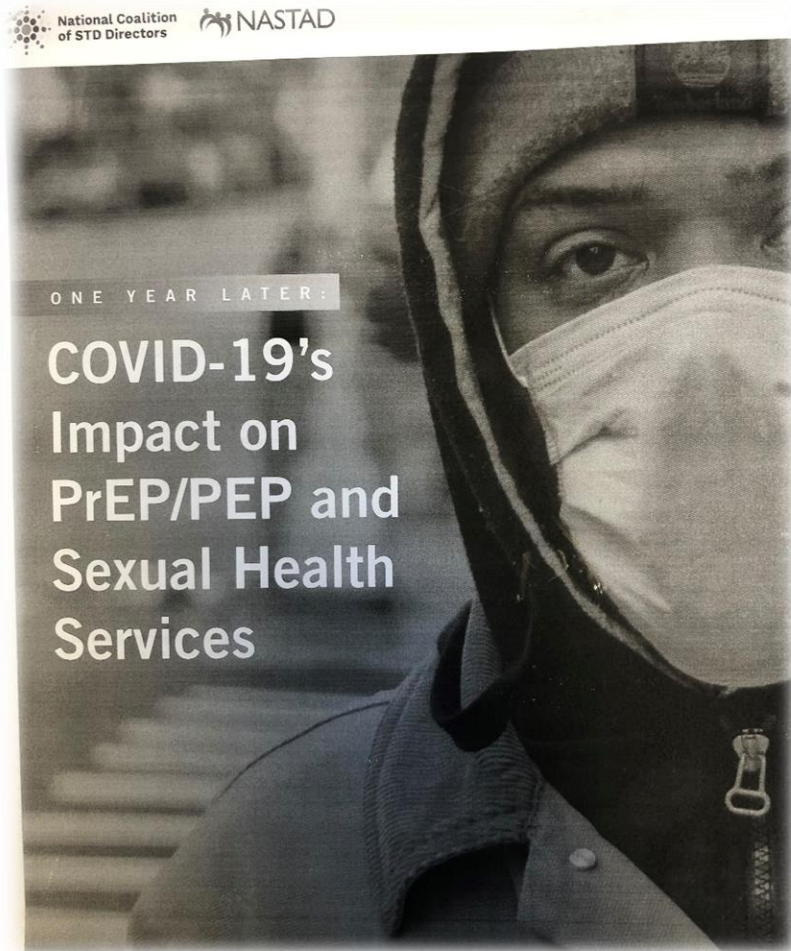
Sexual Health Services Post COVID

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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

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For my 11th presentation

STD cases fell in 2020, but not for a lack of sex

By Erin Allday

S.F. reports of sexually transmitted diseases down in 2020

San Francisco recorded declines in sexually transmitted diseases from the previous year, according to preliminary data.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% change, 2019-20
Gonorrhea	4,260	5,211	5,754	5,914	5,571	4,109	-26.2%
Chlamydia	7,231	8,116	9,094	9,465	9,454	5,735	-39.3%
Syphilis	1,307	1,346	1,694	1,666	1,894	1,730	-7.2%
HIV (positive)	294	237	237	205	168	132	-21.4%

Source: S.F. monthly STD reports, December 2019-20; HIV semiannual surveillance report, December 2020. Todd Trumbull / The Chronicle

Reports of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, appear to have dropped sharply in the Bay Area in 2020. But public health officials fear it's not because people stopped having sex during

the pandemic — it's because STD testing was pushed aside while everyone's attention was on COVID-19.

In other words: People were still getting STDs, but many of them didn't know it.

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Sex in the Time of COVID-19: Results of an Online Survey of Gay, Bisexual and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men's Experience of Sex and HIV Prevention During the US COVID-19 Epidemic

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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!!