

Reducing Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)



PRIORITY AREA: BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES- REDUCING SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs)

STAKEHOLDERS: Ampla Health, E Center Head Start, Harmony Health, Peach Tree Health, Sutter County Public Health, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, Sutter Medical Foundation

Overarching Vision: Reduce the incidence and burden of STIs for Sutter County residents

Objective 1: By December 31, 2026, all local outpatient providers will implement STI partner services and linkages to care at all clinical sites

| Strategies | Actions | Lead Organization(s) | Target Date | Anticipated Product or Result | Status Description | Outcomes/Progress |
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| Implement streamlined partner services at initial contact with patient and provide services and/or counseling and no-cost partner treatment to reduce barriers to accessing STIs care | Expand availability of condoms and point-of-care STI tests | Ampla Health, Harmony Health, Sutter Medical Foundation, Peach Tree Health | January 1, 2027 | Increased number of point-of-care test kits and condoms available at all clinical sites | Completed | Expanded availability of condoms and point-of-care STI tests at 3 FQHCs |
| | Implement telehealth policy and transportation services for patients to reduce barriers in access to care | | | Telehealth and transportation services available at all provider sites | Completed | Harmony health has in-house transportation services for all clinics with telehealth available |
| | Implement STI testing as a part of routine preventative services consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and United States Preventive Services Taskforce (USPSTF) guidelines | | | STI screening testing implemented within the clinical workflow consistent with CDC and USPSTF guidelines | In Progress | The West Coast Health Alliance is being established to compensate for uncertainty with CDC and other previously relied upon federally funded organizations. There may be guidance changes in future workgroups, in which recommendations will come from associations such as ACOG and AAFP |

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| | Identify, at the time of patient contact, sexual contacts of patients to provide timely assessment of partner(s) and appropriate linkages for testing and treatment | | | Clear procedures and protocols for partner linkages to care for outpatient providers | In Progress | Procedures are being established with point of contact information for FQHCs to share with non-clinical partner organizations |
| Build learning & implementation collaborative between local outpatient providers & Sutter County Public Health | Form the STI Learning Collaborative | Sutter County Public Health | January 31, 2024 | Establish collaborative charter and hold regular monthly meetings | Completed | Complete January 2024 |
| | Discuss and come to consensus on concise STI management guidelines to share with all local healthcare providers | STI Learning Collaborative | February 28, 2025 | A set of agreed upon national and state guidelines to share consistently to local healthcare providers | In-Progress | Developed STI treatment summary/guidelines for local health care providers |
| | Create a standardized approach, across all local outpatient providers, for routine STI testing, preventative services, treatment, and partner treatment services | Ampla Health, Harmony Health, Peach Tree Health, Sutter County Public Health, and Sutter Medical Foundation | August 31, 2026 | Increased STI routine testing and partner linkages to care compared to 2023 baseline rates | In-Progress | Harmony Health has started implementation process of Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) |
| Implement STI at home test kit program to reduce barriers to testing, results, and care | Identify funding to cover the purchase of tests and staffing | Sutter County Public Health, Partnership HealthPlan | June 30, 2026 | Funding source to implement and support the program identified | Not Started | New action proposed |
| | Establish treatment partners | Sutter County Public Health, Ampla Health, Peach Tree, Harmony Health, Partnership HealthPlan, Kaiser | December 31, 2026 | Listing of treatment partners developed | Not Started | New action proposed |

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| | Establish mechanism for referral to care for positive test results | Sutter County Public Health, Ampla Health, Peach Tree, Harmony Health, Partnership HealthPlan, Kaiser | June 1, 2027 | Mechanism for referral developed and implemented | Not Started | New action proposed |
| Provide STI education, testing and resources to reduce barriers in access to care for unhoused individuals | Expand mobile outreach to include STI education, screening, and testing services to reach unhoused individuals and their partners | Ampla Health, Harmony Health, Peach Tree Health, Sutter County Public Health | December 31, 2026 | STI mobile outreach services implemented to reduce barriers in accessing care for unhoused individuals | Not Started | The service has been underutilized and FQHCs reported issues with mobile breakdowns and that this service has been underutilized. Recommended to remove this strategy due to low utilization |
| Expand training for healthcare providers and other outpatient staff | Create a timeline for provider post-education training topics | STI Learning Collaborative | September 30, 2026 | Documented timeline of provider post-education topics | Not Started | Sutter County Public Health will create a provider focused slide deck for FQHCs and WellPath to use for their provider trainings |
| | Improve and extend case managers training to all staff and encourage annual training | Ampla Health, Harmony Health, Peach Tree Health, and Sutter Medical Foundation | June 30, 2026 June 30, 2027 | Increase in number of staff with case management training and knowledge compared to baseline | Not Started | Case management was in reference to Enhanced Care Management. This strategy is no longer necessary and does not meet community needs |

OBJECTIVE 2: By December 30, 2026, implement an age-based STI education curriculum targeted to at least 50% of select Sutter County Middle Schools, High Schools, and institutions of higher learning such as Yuba College

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| Update the age-based STI education curriculum | Consolidate resources at the local level that are created by all healthcare systems in the area | Sutter County Public Health and Local Outpatient Providers | March 30, 2026 | A consolidated list of resources to be distributed with the implementation of the new curriculum | Not started | Created information sheets about STIs to be distributed to schools |
| | Involve students in curriculum building to ensure an engaging and age-based curriculum is created | Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, Local Outpatient Providers, Sutter County Public Health | September 30, 2026 | Age-based STI education curriculum that incorporates local youth's perspectives and inputs | Not started | Discussions surrounding who may be interested or who can be involved |
| Develop a collaborative sub-workgroup to standardize curriculum, compile and provide relevant local data, and to build a communication strategy | Engage school leaders, staff, and students to showcase the need for updated STI learning curriculum by outlining requirements from the state and local statistics | Sutter County Superintendents of Schools, Local Outpatient Providers, Sutter County Public Health | March 31, 2025 | Increased awareness and need for an updated STI learning curriculum | In-Progress | Completed survey for initial understanding of STI curriculum. Next steps to review STI curriculum. Next steps continue the communication with school leaders |
| | Establish a timeline of when to provide the curriculum to students and how it will fit into existing curricula for other subjects | Sutter County Superintendents of Schools | January 1, 2026 | Documented timeline of curriculum implementation by age groups and time of year | Not Started | To be discussed through STI Learning Collaborative. Discussed steps that need to be taken |
| | Build and maintain a website for communication with youth and other members of the community | Sutter County Superintendents of Schools, Local Outpatient Providers, Sutter County Public Health | June 1, 2026 | Platform to provide STIs related educational information that is age-appropriate | Not Started | To be discussed through STI Learning Collaborative |

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| | Develop a social media strategy to provide evidence-based STI prevention education and to re-introduce topics discussed in the curriculum | Sutter County Superintendents of Schools, Local Outpatient Providers, Sutter County Public Health | June 1, 2026 | Ensure that intentional and timely messaging is distributed to community members | Not Started | To be discussed through STI Learning Collaborative |
| Revised: 12/31/2025 | | | | | | |