



## COOS COUNTY Public Health

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## Health Update

Coos County Public Health continues to receive more reports of new Gonorrhea cases. As previously reported, cases of gonorrhea in Coos County have nearly doubled from 2012 to 2013. Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) and if not treated, or treated inappropriately, infection can lead to infertility, especially in females. Coos County Public Health will continue to investigate all cases to treat contacts, prevent further spread, and determine if the increase is due to antibiotic resistance.

### ***Epidemiology:***

Five cases of Gonorrhea were reported in January 2014. Ages: 22 to 38 years. Sex: 3 males, 2 females. Race: 2 white, 3 unknown. So far in February, one was reported from BAH, a 20-year-old male, race unknown.

### ***Testing Recommendations:***

Many females and some males with gonorrhea will not have symptoms. It is important for sexually active individuals who are not in mutually monogamous sexual relationships to be tested for Gonorrhea and other STIs. Coos County Public Health also recommends a 3-month recheck for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia.

Dependant on the individual's sexual orientation and sexual activities, Coos County Public Health recommends urine, cervical, vaginal, rectal, and/or pharyngeal testing.

### ***Current Treatment Recommendations:***

The current treatment recommendation by the CDC and Oregon Public Health Division STD Program for Gonorrhea is 250 mg of ceftriaxone IM plus co-treatment with one gram of azithromycin by mouth. If azithromycin is not an option, 100 mg of doxycycline twice a day for 7 days may be used. If a patient with Gonorrhea is treated with a regimen different from that listed above, a test of cure is recommended 2 to 3 weeks after treatment.

Thank you for your attention and efforts in this very important communicable disease investigation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Lena Hawtin, Communicable Disease Coordinator, at (541) 751-2443.

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