

Reducing Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)



PRIORITY AREA: 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 January 30, 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
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, 2026	Increased number of point-of-care test kits and condoms available at all clinical sites
	Implement telehealth policy and transportation services for patients to reduce barriers in access to care			Telehealth and transportation services available at all provider sites
	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
	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

Build learning & implementation collaborative between local outpatient providers & Sutter County Public Health	Form the STI Learning Collaborative	Sutter County Public Health	August 30, 2023	Establish collaborative charter and hold regular monthly meetings
	Discuss and come to consensus on concise STI management guidelines to share with all local healthcare providers	STI Learning Collaborative	January 1, 2024	A set of agreed upon national and state guidelines to share consistently to local healthcare 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	January 1, 2026	Increased STI routine testing and partner linkages to care compared to 2023 baseline rates
Expand training for healthcare providers and other outpatient staff	Create a timeline for provider post-education training topics	STI Learning Collaborative	September 1, 2023	Documented timeline of provider post-education topics
	Improve and extend case managers training to all staff and encourage annual training	Ampla Health, Harmony Health, Peach Tree Health, and Sutter Medical Foundation	TBD (established by collaborative)	Increase in number of staff with case management training and knowledge compared to baseline

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

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Update the age based STI education curriculum	Involve students in curriculum building to ensure an engaging and age-based curriculum is created	Sutter County Superintendents of Schools, Local Outpatient Providers, Sutter County Public Health	January 1, 2024	Age-based STI education curriculum that incorporates local youth’s perspectives and inputs
	Consolidate resources at the local level that are created by all healthcare systems in the area	Sutter County Public Health and Local Outpatient Providers	January 1, 2025	A consolidated list of resources to be distributed with the implementation of the new curriculum
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	January 1, 2025	Increased awareness and need for an updated STI learning curriculum
	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

	Build and maintain a platform for communication with youth and other members of the community	Sutter County Superintendents of Schools, Local Outpatient Providers, Sutter County Public Health	June 1, 2025	Platform to provide STIs related educational information that is age-appropriate
	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, 2025	Ensure that intentional and timely messaging is distributed to community members