

LOUISIANA STD/HIV PROGRAM

Across Louisiana and the US, syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia rates have been rising for the past several years. The numbers are staggering, but these sexually transmitted diseases can be cured. In 2016, Louisiana ranked:

#1 for primary and secondary syphilis

#1 for congenital syphilis case rates

#2 for gonorrhea case rates

#2 for chlamydia case rates



**For more information on STDs and
recommended screening, visit:
www.LaHHub.org**

HOW TO BE SAFE

reduce the risk of STD, including HIV



abstinence

The only method that is 100% effective in preventing STDs, including HIV.



condoms

99% effective against HIV and other STDs when used consistently and correctly every time.



testing

Make sure you and your partners are routinely tested and treated for any possible infections.



did you know?

One in two sexually active persons will contract an STD by age 25.

**remember
to use your
protection
method each
and every time
you have sex**

**you have the
right to decide
if and when you
want to have
sex and to take
steps to protect
yourself**

CONDOMS CAN ALSO REDUCE THE RISK OF PREGNANCY