Gay & bisexual men have high rates of STDs such as syphilis & gonorrhea

More than 7 out of 10 early syphilis cases are among gay & bisexual men

Compared to other groups, gay & bisexual men have early syphilis rates that are:

- 248x higher than other males
- 554x higher than females

Gay & bisexual men who have HIV have early syphilis rates that are:
- 11x higher than gay & bisexual men w/out HIV

Gay & bisexual men diagnosed with syphilis would benefit from HIV prevention & knowing their status

Gonorrhea is common among gay & bisexual men. Because infections in the throat and rectum often show no symptoms, it's important to get tested at exposed sites (rectum, throat, urethra)!

Out of gay & bisexual men with gonorrhea infections:

- 46% had rectal infections
- 43% had throat infections
- 46% had urethral infections

*Tolerance of gonorrhea infections do not add up to 100% because individuals may be infected at multiple sites

Take Action to Protect Your Health!

- Talk openly with your partners about STD prevention
- Get tested regularly for HIV and STDs, including rectal and throat testing
- Condoms can protect against HIV and many STDs
- HIV negative? PrEP might be right for you. Learn more @ pleaseprepme.org

Sources:
1) CDPH STD Data Trends through 2017 (Final as of 7/10/18)
2) California Gonorrhea Surveillance System