



# Moore Epi - Notes

**A quarterly newsletter for healthcare providers in Moore County**



### The Impact of HIV and AIDS

About 50,000 people get infected with HIV each year in the United States and 1.2 million are living with HIV. Of that number 12.8% do not know they are infected. HIV disease remains a significant cause of death for certain populations and an estimated 658,507 people diagnosed with AIDS have died in the United States (2012, CDC.gov). Worldwide there were about 2 million cases of HIV diagnosed in 2014, and 36.9 million people are living with HIV. Ensuring all patients are tested for HIV, screening for risky behaviors, prescribing healthy behaviors, encouraging people living with HIV to get into care and stay in care, and encouraging open conversations are ways to reduce the morbidity and mortality of HIV and AIDS

### Influenza Prevention

Annually the flu causes millions of illnesses and thousands of deaths in the United States. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has reported the first flu related death for the 2015-2016 flu season.

A yearly flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the virus and is recommended by the CDC for anyone 6 months and older. Flu vaccine effectiveness can vary from person to person, but it always has the potential to prevent and/or reduce the severity of the illness. Flu cases typically begin to rise in December and peak in February, early vaccination should be encouraged and promoted.

### Confirmed Reportable Cases

The following confirmed/probable cases of disease were reported by Moore during the 3rd quarter of 2015

Chlamydia: 90	Syphilis: 3
Gonorrhea: 18	Influenza: 1
Hepatitis B, Chronic: 2	Cryptosporidiosis: 1
Hepatitis B, Acute: 1	Shigellosis: 5
TB, Latent: 7	Salmonella: 13
HIV: 1	Campylobacter: 2
AIDS: 1	
Streptococcal, Group A Invasive: 2	
Ehrlichia, probable: 1	
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Probable: 13	

**Moore County Health Department:**  
910-947-3300

**Confidential fax:**  
910-947-2480

**Communicable Disease Nurse fax:**  
910-947-2480

**After Hours/Weekend Reporting:**  
910-947-2911 (Ask to have the Health Director or his designee paged.)

*Please remember to report communicable diseases to the Health Department. Accurate reporting helps to stop the spread of disease and helps us to gain knowledge about the health of our community.*

*Moore County Health Department is committed to ensuring county healthcare providers access to countywide disease data summaries to inform patient care.*