Gonorrhea continues to be elevated. Gonorrhea can be cured with the right treatment. CDC recommends dual therapy, or using two drugs, to treat gonorrhea. A single dose of 250 mg of intramuscular ceftriaxone and 1g of oral azithromycin. Although medication will stop the infection, it will not repair any permanent damage done by the disease. Antimicrobial resistance in gonorrhea is of increasing concern, and successful treatment of gonorrhea is becoming more difficult. If a person's symptoms continue for more than a few days after receiving treatment, he or she should return to a health care provider to be reevaluated.

Please refer to Gonorrhea Treatment and Care

Rabies 2018
Positive Animal—Rabies:
Van Buren and Berrien each had (1) 2016; Berrien had 1 rabid animal (1) 2017. Statewide total of (7) 2018. Please remain vigilant. In Michigan there are about 40 animals confirmed to have rabies per year. The majority are bats

Animal Bites and Exposures
If you treat a patient with an animal bite or exposure in your office, the bite or exposure must be reported to the local health department. According to public health rules and regulations, the report shall include the following information:
• Animal species inflicting the bite
• Animal owner’s name, address and telephone number
• Vaccination status of the animal
• Date and location of biting incident

Hepatitis A
Cass County has had (4) acute cases of Hepatitis A since March of 2018. The genotype that has been identified in all (4) cases does not match the genotype identified in the Southeast Michigan outbreak. Interestingly, all (4) cases do not fit into the high risk categories that have been identified in the Southeast Michigan outbreak. Please be aware that Van Buren/Cass District Health Department has been working diligently with our State and Regional Epidemiologists and Indiana Epidemiologists to identify the source of infection. Van Buren/Cass District Health Department has been conducting outreach clinics to attempt to reach the identified high risk populations and offer Hepatitis A vaccine and education regarding transmission, prevention and intervention.

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