PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT!

Gonorrhea is running rampant in Van Buren and Cass Counties!

Incidence of gonorrhea continues to rise therefore we want to reinforce awareness for testing and treating this worrisome infection.

- **Please remember to screen all sites if appropriate:** GENITAL, ANAL and ORAL-otherwise cases will be missed!

  Did You Know?
  73.8 % Pharyngeal Gonorrhea is missed with genital-only screening.
  71.8 % Rectal Gonorrhea is missed with genital-only screening.
  88.3 % Rectal Chlamydia is missed with genital-only screening.

- **Please remember that dual antibiotic therapy is the recommended treatment!** It is no longer appropriate to treat with Rocephin only.


- **Do not wait for test results to initiate treatment.** Immediately treat all patients presenting with symptoms or they are a contact of an infected person.

- **Retesting is recommended:** Men or women who have been treated for gonorrhea should be retested **3 months** after treatment regardless of whether they believe their sex partners were treated. If retesting at 3 months is not possible, clinicians should retest whenever persons next present for medical care within 12 months following initial treatment.