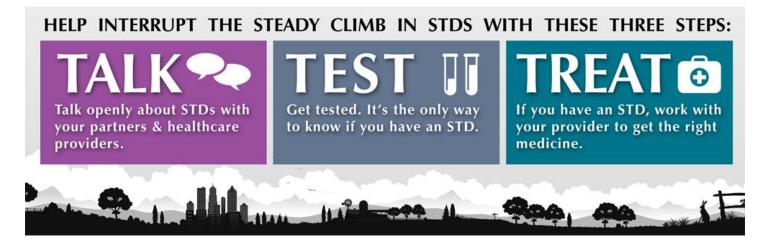


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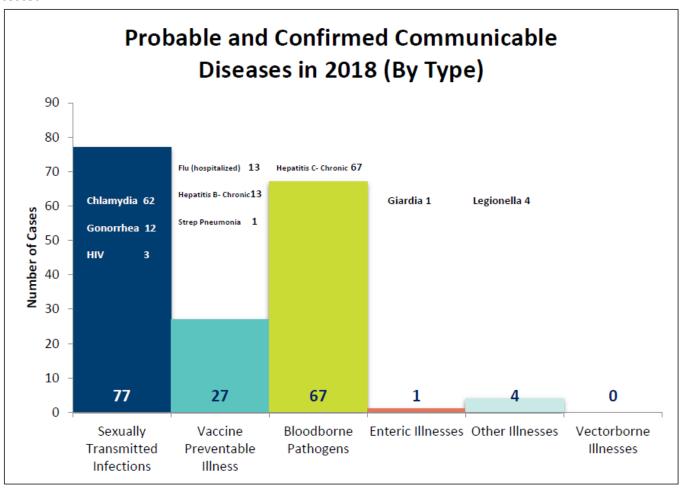
A Sexual Health Clinic will be provided at the Galion City Health Department beginning in July 2019. Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STI's) will be provided in a safe, discreet environment. HIV testing, including referral services for positive results and PrEP, pre-exposure prophylaxis, for clients at high risk for HIV, is also being made available. Call today for more information and scheduling options 419-468-1075.

Approximately 20 million STIs will be diagnosed in the US annually at a huge burden to the physical and emotional health of those shouldering the disease, primarily the younger subset ages 15-24. Often, the infections are un-noticed by those infected and can cause reproductive concerns including infertility in women if untreated. This does not factor in the large cost to our healthcare system of a largely preventable set of infections. Early intervention with testing, treatment and education will provide better outcomes for our community.



Sexually transmitted infections were, again, the most prevalent communicable disease type in Galion (see chart), and many people do not know that they are infected. Over the last five years, in the City of Galion, two of the top four communicable diseases have been sexually transmitted (Chlamydia and Gonorrhea). Early diagnosis through STI testing can allow faster access to treatment. Protect yourself and others by getting

tested.



For questions related to this article please contact the Galion City Health Department at 419-468-1075.

