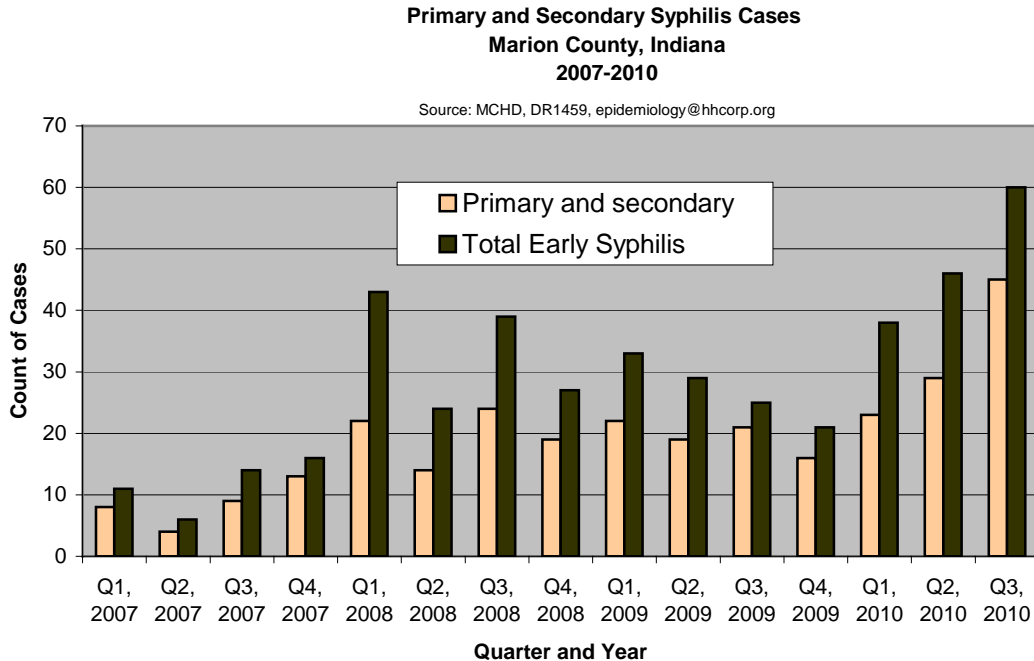


October 15, 2010

Colleagues,

This e-mail is to update you on the going syphilis outbreak in Marion and surrounding counties.

The number of cases of early syphilis is still increasing. As of October 11, we have seen **150 cases of total early syphilis**¹ this year, contributing the total of 438 reported since January 2008. **This is the most early cases since we have had since 2001**, two years into the previous outbreak.



Your assistance is critical to help identify cases early and treat them and their sexual partners as soon as possible.

We are asking you to do the following:

- **Continue to screen all HIV positive and negative individuals at risk for STD's.**
- **Report all cases of early syphilis within 24 hours** by calling Coya Campbell at 221-8347 or me at 221-8360 or (Pager 312-1442)
- **Educate all your patients including heterosexual individuals.**
- **Tell us if you would like educational materials for your office.**

If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call at (317) 221-8360 or (317) 312-1442. Thank you for your support in our efforts.

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