

PROVIDER Bulletin

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Public Health Updates

Dear Provider,

Kern Health Systems (KHS) is sharing the following updates received from Kern County Public Health for awareness and patient education.

Recent Public Health Updates:

Name	Description	Link
Measles	Public Health has issued a bulletin regarding an ongoing increase in cases of measles in California. Providers are encouraged to review the public health guidance for current recommendations, infection prevention considerations, and reporting requirements	https://www.kernpublichealth.com/home/showpublisheddocument/23392/63908725602610000
Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT)	Public Health is updating EPT workflows to include trichomoniasis	https://orders.essentialaccess.org/sites/default/files/2025-11/EPT_Workflow_10.30.25_0.pdf#msdynmkt_trackingcontext=c5d09ea5-7df8-43fe-ad7d-b2e74be50200
Bicillin L-A Shortage	Public Health has advised that the Bicillin L-A shortage is not expected to resolve until Q4 2026.	Update on Bicillin® L-A (penicillin G benzathine injectable suspension) Shortage: Inventory Review and Clinical Guidance
Statewide STI Trends	The California Department of Public Health reports a continued decline in sexually transmitted infections (STIs) for the third consecutive year	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR26-008.aspx
Car Seat Program	Public Health has indicated that car seats are still available through the Car Seat Program. Members or providers may contact the program directly for additional information	https://www.kernpublichealth.com/healthy-community/infants-children/childhood-illness-and-injury-prevention-program/car-seat-check-program

For more information regarding Health Bulletins from the Kern County Public Health Department please click [here](#).

[Provider Bulletins](#) are available on the [KHS website](#). Please visit the site regularly to stay informed about the latest updates and announcements.

If you have any questions or need additional KFHC Medi-Cal renewal reminder cards, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000, silent prompt option #5.

Sincerely,

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