

# Syphilis Outbreak Response Plan Threshold Level Guide – WCHD

12/17/2012 (Abbreviations Listed Below)

Threshold Level	One	Two	Three	Four
Early Syphilis Cases	7	10	12	Out of Control
<b>Outbreak Level Declaration</b>	Either during a meeting or through email clearly state the activation of the plan and what the current level means.			
<b>Oversight</b>	SH Staff and Manager	SH and EPI Convene Outbreak Response Team (ORT)	ORT with possible assistance from NSHD	ORT with possible assistance from NSHD and CDC
<b>Staffing</b>	Sexual Health (SH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SH + Epi</li> <li>*Clearly define staff roles &amp; Responsibilities</li> <li>ORT consider:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*CCHS, EPI, EHS</li> </ul> </li> <li>rerioritization</li> <li>*Incl. HE and PIO in ORT</li> <li>*Consider ICS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Level II</li> <li>ORT considers NSHD staff assist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Level III</li> <li>NSHD staff</li> <li>ORT Considers CDC staff assist</li> </ul>
<b>Notification</b>	CCHS DD	DHO, NSHD w/in 72 hr	NSHD Request Assist, CDC	CDC Request Assist
<b>Data Collection, Input and Analysis</b>	Consult with EPI as needed	SH and EPI	SH, EPI w/possible assist from NSHD	SH, EPI with possible assist from NSHD, CDC
<b>Public Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific activity.</li> <li>Update Syphilis Outbreak Alert annually.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declare “Outbreak Alert”</li> <li>Create talking points in case needed for media</li> <li>Possible HAWC, ER, MD, etc</li> </ul>	Continue Level II  Physician Alert, EPI News & as determined by involved agencies	Same as Level III  Ongoing as needed

**Abbreviations:** SH-Sexual Health Program, EPI – Epidemiology Program, EHS – Environmental Health Services, CCHS – Community and Clinical Health Services

PIO – Public Information Officer, HE – Health Educator, ORT – Outbreak Response Team, HAWC – Health Access Washoe County, NNHOPES- HIV Clinic ,

NSHD-Nevada State Health Division