Quick Fact: The CDC estimated 57,500 new cases of Hepatitis C in the United States in 2019, a notable rise from the 2018 estimate of 50,300. The CDC also noted that the highest rates were in the 20-39 age group which also shows a correlation with the age groups most affected by the nation’s opioid crisis. To learn more, follow these links: [CDC’s HCV Surveillance Statistics](#), [HHS on the Nation’s Opioid Crisis](#).
World Hepatitis Day

World Hepatitis Day (WHD) takes place every year on 28 July bringing the world together under a single theme to raise awareness of the global burden of viral hepatitis and to influence real change. In 2022 the theme is ‘Hepatitis Can’t Wait’.

On World Hepatitis Day, 28 July, we call on people from across the world to take action and raise awareness of hepatitis because Hepatitis Can’t Wait.

More information and campaign materials can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/awareness/worldhepday.htm and https://www.worldhepatitisday.org/.

Job Board

Communicable Disease Epidemiologist and Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS)

This position is responsible for epidemiologic investigations of STDs, viral hepatitis, HIV, and TB infection for the State of Wyoming.

This is what Katelyn does. 😊

Social Media

We have resurrected the CDU Facebook which now joins the KnoWyo Facebook and Instagram pages in CDU’s social media portfolio. The CDU FB page will share information on tuberculosis, CAPPA, and other CDU topics. Please like, follow, and share.

CDU FB  https://www.facebook.com/WDHCDU
KnoWyo FB  https://www.facebook.com/knowyo
KnoWyo IG  https://www.instagram.com/knowyo
Adolescent-Focused Motivational Interviewing Interactive Workshop

Monday, July 18, 2022, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM ET

This interactive workshop equips all levels of professionals to use MI strategies, improving youth risk identification, effective communication, and evidence-based coaching toward positive, healthier decisions.

Registration link
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlcOigrzIpHtJtRf8GUha-ePfW7ReLSDs

CAPPA

The Wyoming Comprehensive Care and Prevention Planning Alliance (CAPPA) is the statewide community planning group for HIV, AIDS, hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STI) in Wyoming.

2022 Meeting Schedule
Aug 12-13 Gillette
Oct 21-22 Laramie

For more information go to the CDU CAPPA website at
https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/cappa/

CDU Monthly Webinar

Sexual History Taking Workshop - Denver Prevention Training Center
Tuesday, July 19th
2-4pm

Register at https://courses.nnptc.org/class_information.html?id=3404
**PrEP Kidney Function Testing**

CDU now has approval through the CDC HIV Prevention grant to offer coverage for PrEP medication associated kidney function testing for uninsured and underinsured patients. This funding is limited and all claims will be paid at current Wyoming Medicaid rates. The funding amount and coverage is limited for use in 2022. Continued offering of this service is dependent on CDC approval for the grant year beginning in 2023. Prior authorization for PrEP related kidney function testing will be handled in the same manner as other CDU prior authorizations. Guidance and the prior authorization form can be found on the CDU Prevention webpage at [https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/hiv-prevention-program/](https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/hiv-prevention-program/).

**W[h]Y PrEP Matters**

The W[h]Y PrEP Matters website has been updated and now includes more inclusive graphics and language as well as the PrEP Provider Toolkit developed by Wyoming AETC and more prominent links to the PrEP Navigation Assistance form. Check out the refreshed page at [https://wyprepmatters.com/](https://wyprepmatters.com/). The PrEP Provider Toolkit includes an introductory letter from Lauren at WY AETC which provides information on how to get a free PROUD TO PRESCRIBE PrEP window cling.

**Prevention Heroes**

Doni Drake at Sweetwater Community Health for her assistance with TB contact tracing.

Brooke Ekstrom at Campbell Co PH for her flexibility with a client who was resistant to care.
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