



Public Health Advisory
10/02/2024
Bicillin® L-A Supply Shortage and Syphilis Treatment

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SUMMARY

Situation: On September 24, 2024, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health released a technical bulletin regarding the [Bicillin® supply](#).

- Bicillin® L-A (penicillin G benzathine) is the recommended treatment for syphilis, and the only recommended treatment for pregnant persons diagnosed with or exposed to active syphilis.
- SNHD is in communication with local providers with high utilization of Bicillin® L-A and can confirm that there is sufficient supply of Bicillin® in Clark County.
- While current supplies are sufficient, the manufacturer anticipates full [availability](#) by the end of the year.

Recommendations for providers:

- ✓ **Treat with Bicillin® L-A for all appropriate cases**
 - [CDC Syphilis Treatment Guidelines](#) help with staging and management considerations.
 - Bicillin® C-R is not an acceptable alternative.
 - For complex cases, you can contact SNHD's Division of Disease Surveillance and Control at (702) 759-1300 or the National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers STD Clinical Consultation Network [online portal](#).
- ✓ **Communicate supply issues by contacting:**
 - SNHD at (702) 759-1300
 - Pfizer Hospital US at 1-844-646-4398 (Monday to Friday, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm CST) or email PISupplyContinuity@Pfizer.com.
- ✓ **Report:** Syphilis is a nationally notifiable disease. Ensure timely reporting to SNHD's Disease Surveillance and Control via Fax 702-759-1414 or Phone (702) 759-1300.

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Reference Links

The complete URLs for the shortened links are listed below to copy and paste into your browser.

- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Technical Bulletin: <https://nvose.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/TB-Bicillin-Shortage-9-24-24.pdf>
- Injectables availability report: https://www.pfizerhospitalus.com/injectables_availability_report
- CDC Syphilis Treatment Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment-guidelines/syphilis.htm>
- National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers STD Clinical Consultation Network online portal: <https://www.stdccn.org/render/Public>