

Oregon HIV and STD Program Prevention Briefs

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Condom Distribution Update

At the beginning of 2021, Oregon Health Authority began a new partnership for free condom distribution. Oregon residents can now order a free envelope of condoms and lubricant delivered discreetly to their door, up to twice per 30 days. As of April 11th, 1,315 condom orders have been filled. That is a total of 26,300 condoms! Condom orders have gone to 31 of the 36 Oregon counties, and the top five counties for orders are Multnomah, Lane, Washington, Linn, and Clackamas (in that order). Let your clients know to go to www.onecondoms.com/pages/oregon to place their orders. The page is also linked from the [OHA website](#).

Website Updates

The OHA STD Prevention [site](http://healthoregon.org/std) (healthoregon.org/std) is regularly updated with resources for the public, providers, and public health professionals. Recent additions include:

- A centralized location where Oregonians can order free condoms and find STD testing and treatment sites
- Client education about three-site chlamydia and gonorrhea testing
- Sexual health questions for providers to ask all patients.

OHA also has a new page full of information about [COVID-19 and HIV](#), and a [page with tips to help clients set testing or medication reminders on their phones](#).

Meet Joseph Ramirez HIV Prevention Specialist

You might remember Joseph Ramirez from his time as Chime In's Field Operations Manager or as a DIS in Multnomah County. He now serves as OHA's HIV Prevention Specialist, filling in for Larry Hill, who is currently on a COVID job rotation. Joseph brings communication, creativity, enthusiasm and empathy to his role, and thrives on making personal connections. He puts clients' needs first, saying, "The most fulfilling experience and where I've gained the most skills has been in working with clients – sharing space to actively listen to their concerns and learning from their life experiences. This has helped me identify interventions that work for the communities we engage with while elevating their voices to advocate for better outcomes."



Joseph (in the pink shirt) and his family celebrate his brother's graduation.

When he's not at work, Joseph enjoys dancing in his apartment, creating miniature gardens, reading poetry and spending time with his grandma, cooking and sharing juicy chisme.

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Meet Yuritzky González-Peña STD Prevention Epidemiologist

Yuritzky joined OHA in March. Before joining OHA, she worked as an Epidemiologist for Marion County Health & Human Services (MCHHS), where she worked with all reportable communicable diseases. Yuritzky became interested in STD because she realized that everyone is at risk of being diagnosed with an STD. While working in MCHHS, Yuritzky worked one-to-one with people diagnosed with STDs, and she was able to understand the different life circumstances among people diagnosed with an STD. Yuritzky also experienced the challenges faced by Local Health Departments and partners in reducing the number of STDs. At OHA, Yuritzky plans to continue working on reducing the challenges and disparities that are faced in diagnosing and treating STDs, as well as reducing the risk factors affecting the population. Yuritzky is committed to being a resource to LHDs and partners in helping them reduce the STD epidemic.



Outside of work, Yuritzky enjoys outdoor activities under the sun and with her dogs.

Meet Javier Saucedo HIV/STD Preventions Interventions Coordinator

Javier joined OHA in February with over a decade of experience in HIV prevention. Most recently, he managed the HIV prevention and Transgender health services department at a large FQHC in the Bay Area. He has also done outreach, HIV testing, and client navigation, and helped co-found DeColores Queer Orange County, a grassroots organization with a mission to create empowering social, supportive, and political spaces for queer Latinx folks in Orange County.

Javier loves the honesty of working in HIV, along with the history, storytelling and innovation. In his free time, Javier enjoys listening to podcasts or audiobooks. Pre-pandemic, he loved visiting family and friends in Southern California and seeing live music or comedy.

