STI's CONTINUE TO INCREASE
According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the incidence of the major sexually transmitted infections (STI’s) chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis, ALL increased dramatically from 2014 to 2018. Most notably syphilis increased by 70% to 35,000 cases of primary and secondary syphilis reported in 2018, ½ of which were also co-infected with HIV. Syphilis rates also increased among women, and the rate of congenital syphilis (1300 cases in 2018) has increased every year since 2012.
Please remember to screen your patients of all ages, especially in MSM and pregnant women.

MUMPS OUTBREAK IN L.A. JAIL
There is an outbreak of mumps among staff and persons in custody at the Los Angeles County Men’s Central Jail. Please consider this diagnosis in those who may have traveled to LA or recently been in custody when presenting with fever, parotiditis and/or orchitis, even in those who have been vaccinated.

INFLUENZA SEASON
This is influenza season, and according to the CDC, the current flu activity is low and similar to what has been observed during recent previous seasons at the same time. Even though seasonal influenza activity in the US remains low, it is increasing. Please get yourself & your loved ones vaccinated NOW!

DID YOU KNOW?
November 18–24, 2019 is U.S. Antibiotic awareness week! This is a time to remember the importance of improving antibiotic prescribing and use (AKA antibiotic stewardship). To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use see the link below.
https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/
November is also C. Diff awareness month, another reminder to only prescribe antibiotics when new when necessary.