



To: Emergency Medical Alert Network (EMAN) Participants  
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### **Syphilis on SDSU Campus**

Recently there have been multiple confirmed cases of syphilis on the San Diego State University (SDSU) campus. SDSU Student Health Services is working collaboratively with the San Diego County Department of Health and Human Services to respond to this issue. The immediate concern is students will be leaving campus shortly at the conclusion of spring semester. Students are being advised to see a physician to get a blood test for syphilis if they have had unprotected sex within the past 5 months.

For information on syphilis disease and treatment go to the following CDC website:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/default.htm>.

San Diego healthcare providers are reminded to report all confirmed cases to STD at 619-692-8520.

### **Recall of Turkey Products**

The U.S. Food and Drug Association (FDA) announced yesterday that a California-based Diestel turkey ranch is voluntarily recalling about 7,000 pounds of ready-to-eat turkey products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The turkey products were produced on April 20 and distributed to several western states including California. County Environmental health officials have identified local markets where these products are sold and the products have been removed from the shelves.

Listeria mainly affects people with weakened immune systems, pregnant women and infants. Common symptoms include high fever, muscle aches, nausea and diarrhea. If the infection spreads to the nervous system, then severe headache, neck stiffness and confusion can occur. San Diego County healthcare providers are requested to report known or suspected cases to the Community Epidemiology Branch at the numbers listed below. Laboratories are requested to submit Listeria isolates to the Public Health Laboratory for confirmation and PFGE testing.

To date, no cases associated with this recall have been reported in San Diego County. For further information on Listeria, please visit the CDC website at  
[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/listeriosis\\_g.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/listeriosis_g.htm).

Thank you for your continued participation.

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