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Subject: **Two Cases of Ciprofloxacin Resistant Gonorrhea Identified in Kansas City, Missouri**



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The Kansas City, Missouri Health Department (KCHD) recently received reports of two females diagnosed with Ciprofloxacin resistant gonorrhea. These two cases are the first demonstrated cases of Ciprofloxacin resistance of this kind in Kansas City. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released revised treatment guidelines due to concern about Ciprofloxacin resistance in gonorrhea in Men who have Sex with Men (MSM). These recent reports underscore the importance of appropriate treatment per the CDC recommendations. KCHD was recently granted approval to enroll in the CDC's Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP). According to the CDC, GISP was established in 1986 to monitor trends in the antimicrobial susceptibilities of gonorrhea in the United States in order to establish a rational basis for selecting gonorrhea therapies. GISP will also be used to provide information about resistance patterns in the community.