SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
Fact Sheet

Stay informed, be safe, act smart, and raise awareness about Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs).

**Chlamydia**
- Caused by the bacteria *Chlamydia trachomatis*
- Anyone who is sexually active can get an STD
- Can be cured with the right treatment

**HIV**
- Human immunodeficiency virus kills cells which help the body fight infections
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**Herpes**
- Caused by *Herpes simplex virus 2*
- Breaking out is hard to do
- More than 500 million people are living with genital herpes infection
- There is no cure. However, medicines can prevent or shorten outbreaks

**HPV**
- Kissing this frog can give you warts.
- The HPV vaccine is a true prince!
- Most sexually active women and men will be infected at some point in their lives
- *Human papillomavirus* is a virus that includes more than 100 different strains or types
- A vaccine is now available which protects against several HPV types

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**Crab Louse**
- Don't let these crabs louse up your life
- Pubic lice infestation is found worldwide and can affect anyone
- *Pthirus pubis* is a parasitic insect of humans
- Treated with lice-killing lotions

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**Syphilis**
- a.k.a. Pox. Don't let the pox into your home, or anyone else's
- 5.6 million new cases reported each year
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It's time to take action!
Talk, protect, test and treat!