Bell Flower Clinic’s At-Home Testing Project
Due to COVID-19, Bell Flower Clinic (BFC) has experienced a decline in our patient census. Initially, BFC limited clinic visits to symptomatic appointments only. In June, BFC started seeing a limited number of screening appointments, but was still not allowing walk-ins. Currently, BFC can only safely see around 65% of our pre-COVID patient census. All outreach activities were discontinued for a period of time (end of March –July).
Number of Test: January–July

Bell Flower Clinic

- Chlamydia
- Gonorrhea
- HIV
- Syphilis

Off-Site

- Chlamydia
- Gonorrhea
- HIV
- Syphilis

# of Tests

- 2019
- 2020
Collaboration between Building Online Health Communities, NASTAD, and Emory University

BFC contracted with NASTAD to offer 100 at home testing kits from September–December 2020

Commercial sex workers (CSW) and men who have sex with men (MSM) are the priority populations for this pilot project
Criteria

- Limited to Marion County zip codes
- Must be over 18 years of age
- No recent HIV/STD testing (self-identified)
- Limited to one testing kit in the pilot period
- Access to testing link will be limited to individuals who self identify as being within the priority population (MSM & CSW)
- Limited to individuals who can provide an address for shipping (working on strategic partners for those who may need a shipping address)
Getting the word out

- Enrollment outreach will take place through traditional and online formats
- Advertising on apps/ social media
- SWP SMS project
- Partner with CBOs
- Partner Services
The Process

- Individuals are provided with the web link for ordering
- On this site, individuals can see an explanation of the process, order an at-home kit, and view popular local resources for testing and information
- Individuals will be asked a few questions to verify eligibility
- After a client is verified as eligible, they complete the needed demographic information, and an at-home testing kit is mailed to the address of their choosing
The kit will provide supplies for gonorrhea/chlamydia (genital & extragenital), syphilis, and HIV testing

Syphilis and HIV will reflex to their respective confirmatory tests (Dried Blood Spot or Micro container)

Clients will collect the needed samples and mail specimens back in the pre-paid envelope provided in the testing kit

Results will be made available to the client via a patient portal
BFC Follow-up

- All clients with a positive lab will be offered an appointment at Bell Flower Clinic for treatment
- Expedited Partner Therapy will be provided when applicable