

WHAT IS SYPHILIS?

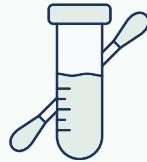
Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI), meaning you can get it by having sex (oral, anal, or vaginal) with someone who has syphilis.



HOW IS SYPHILIS PREVENTED?



Use condoms every time you have sex - vaginal, anal, or oral.



You and your partner(s) should also get regularly screened for STIs.



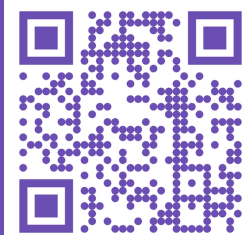
SYPHILIS & CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

WHAT IS CONGENITAL SYPHILIS (CS)?



When syphilis is passed from a pregnant person to their baby, it's known as congenital syphilis.

Having prenatal care decreases the chance of a baby being born with syphilis. Talk to your provider about testing and treatment.



Locate a health department near you!

Testing and treatment are confidential!

Learn more about syphilis and congenital syphilis from the CDC.



Syphilis



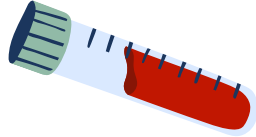
Congenital Syphilis

Syphilis rates in Tennessee are rising.

How can you protect yourself and your baby?

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE SYPHILIS?

The only way to know for sure is a simple blood test.

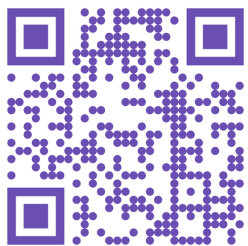


If you are sexually active, you should be tested for syphilis.

If you are pregnant, you should be tested at the first and third trimester of your pregnancy.



Health departments can confidentially test you and your partner(s) any time for syphilis,
at little or no cost!



**Scan to
locate a
health
department
near you!**

HOW CAN I SPOT SYPHILIS?

Symptoms change with each stage of syphilis, and there may be overlap. Some people may not notice any symptoms, so it's best to regularly get tested for STIs.

Even if symptoms go away, syphilis is still in your body causing damage.

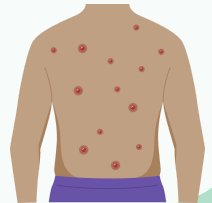
CAN SYPHILIS BE TREATED?

YES! Syphilis is treatable and curable with antibiotics.



COMMON SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- **Small sores on genitals, bottom, or mouth**
- **Rash on your chest, back, palms, and feet**
- **Flu-like symptoms**
- **And more.**



Getting treatment right away can prevent irreversible damage to your heart and brain, deafness or blindness, and other serious health problems.

It's possible to get syphilis again if re-exposed or if all partners are not treated.

Your local health department can help notify your partner(s) anonymously so they can get tested and treated.