

WHAT IS SYPHILIS?

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



Syphilis can affect anyone who has unprotected sex, regardless of gender or orientation.

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 AND PREGNANCY

If you are pregnant, can become pregnant, or partnered to someone who is pregnant, getting tested for syphilis is very important.

Syphilis can be passed to your unborn baby and cause serious health problems if not prevented.

Talk to your provider or your local health department about testing and treatment.



SYPHILIS



Locate a health department near you!



Learn more about syphilis from the CDC



Find your closest Syringe Services Program

Syphilis rates in Tennessee are rising.
How can you protect yourself?

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.

Testing and treatment are confidential!



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.

