

# Protecting Yourself and Your Baby

## From Syphilis

### Get Tested!

**You can get syphilis and other sexually transmitted infections (STI) more than once.**

If you need to get tested or would like information on protecting yourself and your baby, talk to your health care provider or visit a local clinic.



**These clinics offer free or low-cost STI testing and treatment and pregnancy planning services.**

#### **Clinic Name 1**

Street Address

City

Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx

Clinic hours (M-F, xx-xx)

#### **Clinic Name 4**

Street Address

City

Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx

Clinic hours (M-F, xx-xx)

#### **Clinic Name 2**

Street Address

City

Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx

Clinic hours (M-F, xx-xx)

#### **Clinic Name 5**

Street Address

City

Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx

Clinic hours (M-F, xx-xx)

#### **Clinic Name 3**

Street Address

City

Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx

Clinic hours (M-F, xx-xx)

#### **Clinic Name 6**

Street Address

City

Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx

Clinic hours (M-F, xx-xx)

**For a complete list of free or low-cost clinics near you,** visit [gettested.cdc.gov](https://gettested.cdc.gov) or call the Public Health Department at xxx-xxx-xxxx.



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## **What is Congenital Syphilis?**

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI).

Congenital syphilis occurs when a pregnant person with syphilis passes the infection to their unborn child.

This can cause serious problems like premature birth, low birth weight, birth defects, blindness, hearing loss, and stillbirth.

## **What are Symptoms of Syphilis?**

Most people with syphilis have symptoms such as a sore or rash. Even if they do, they may not notice them.

The only way to know for sure is to get tested. Getting tested for syphilis is part of routine prenatal care.

## **How is Syphilis Treated?**

Syphilis can be cured, even during pregnancy. Proper treatment will help prevent your baby from becoming infected.

Be sure to inform your sex partner(s) because they will need to be tested and treated, too. This will help them stay healthy, avoid infecting others, and avoid reinfecting you.

## **Getting tested for syphilis and other STIs is part of routine prenatal care.**

All pregnant people should get tested for syphilis at their first prenatal visit, again during the third trimester (at 28 weeks or as soon as possible thereafter), and at delivery.

Be sure to get your syphilis test results and follow any medical advice at that time.

**The clinics listed on the front of this brochure offer free or low cost STI testing and treatment pregnancy planning services.**

