Syphilis is **on the rise in California babies.**

Syphilis is an infection spread by sexual contact. Congenital syphilis is when syphilis is passed on to infants during pregnancy or during delivery. It can be life-threatening.

The number of infants born with **congenital syphilis** increased for the **6th year** in a row.

Since 2012, there have been **103 stillbirths or neonatal deaths** due to congenital syphilis.

Syphilis in babies is **PREVENTABLE.**

Testing & treatment are key to preventing syphilis.

Talk to your doctor & sex partners about prevention.

Remember the buzz about Zika? Since 2015 there have been about **11x more syphilis infections** in pregnancy than Zika infections in pregnancy.

Sources:
1) CDPH STD 2018 Data (Data as of 7/10/19)
2) CDPH Monthly Update on Zika Virus Infections in California - May 2019: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Zika.aspx