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