Syphilis in California Babies is on the Rise

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 **5th year** in a row.

71 of those infants were stillbirths, with **30 stillbirths in 2017** alone.

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 nearly **9x more syphilis infections** in pregnancy than Zika infections in pregnancy.

Sources:
1) *CDPH STD 2017 Data (Final as of 7/10/18)*
2) CDPH Monthly Update on Zika Virus Infections in California: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Zika.aspx