

# California women, syphilis is on the rise

# GET TESTED

## Prevent congenital syphilis

**All pregnant women should get tested for syphilis at their first prenatal care visit.**

**Women at increased risk\* for syphilis need to be tested again during the third trimester and at delivery.**



## Syphilis is:

- Caused by an infection spread by sexual contact.
- Increasing among California women of child-bearing age.

## Syphilis can:

- Be passed on to infants during pregnancy or during delivery and can be life threatening.
  - Be cured.
- There are ways to protect yourself and your babies.

\*Many regions in southern California and the San Joaquin valley currently recommend screening in the third trimester and at delivery for all pregnant women. However, some pregnant women living outside of these areas may also benefit from multiple tests during pregnancy. Please ask your doctor if you should be tested for syphilis again in the third trimester and at delivery.

If you have questions about syphilis contact your health care provider and visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/stdfact-syphilis.htm>



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