Syphilis is on the rise in California

GET TESTED

Syphilis is:

• A sexually transmitted infection that can be passed to infants during pregnancy or during delivery.

• Increasing among people who can become pregnant.

Syphilis can:

• Be life threatening.

• Be cured.

There are ways to protect yourself and your babies.

Prevent Congenital Syphilis

If you are pregnant, get prenatal care and get tested for syphilis.

All pregnant people should get tested for syphilis at least twice during each pregnancy:

First Visit

Third Trimester*

Delivery†

*Between 28 and 32 weeks, ideally at 28 weeks.

†Please ask your doctor if you should be tested again for syphilis at delivery.

If you have questions about syphilis, contact your health care provider and visit CDC's Syphilis Fact Sheet (https://www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/stdfact-syphilis.htm)

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