# Protecting Yourself and Your Baby From Syphilis



### **Get Yourself Tested!**

You can get syphilis and other STIs more than once.

If you need to get tested or would like more information on protecting yourself and your baby, talk to your health care provider, or visit a local clinic.

These clinics offer FREE or LOW-COST STI testing and treatment and pregnancy planning services.

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For a complete list of free or low-cost clinics near you, visit:

https://gettested.cdc.gov/ or call the Public Health Department at xxx-xxx-xxxx.



# What is Congenital Syphilis (CS)?

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI).

Congenital syphilis occurs when a pregnant person with syphilis passes the infection to their unborn child.

This can cause serious problems like premature birth, low birth weight, birth defects and stillbirth.

# What are Symptoms of Syphilis?

Most people with syphilis have symptoms such as a sore or rash. Even if they do, they may not notice them.

The only way to know for sure is to get tested. Getting tested for syphilis is part of routine prenatal care.

### Who Should Get Tested?

If you are pregnant or might become pregnant, it is important to get routine prenatal care.

# Getting tested for syphilis and other STIs is part of routine prenatal care.

Pregnant people should get tested for syphilis at the first prenatal visit, again during the third trimester, and at delivery.\*

Be sure to get your syphilis test results and follow any medical advice at that time.

\*Unless at low likelihood of syphilis exposure AND with a documented negative syphilis test in the third trimester.

### **How is Syphilis Treated?**

Syphilis can be cured, even during pregnancy. Proper treatment will help prevent your baby from becoming infected.

Be sure to inform your sex partner(s) because they will need to be tested and treated too. This will help them stay healthy, avoid infecting others, and avoid reinfecting you.



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