

Talk with your provider about syphilis testing



It's possible to get syphilis and not know it.

Syphilis is treatable with antibiotics.

Congenital syphilis can have major health impacts on your baby.

In Illinois, your provider is REQUIRED by law to test you for syphilis at your first prenatal visit and again in your third trimester.

At your first healthcare visit, ask your provider about getting tested for syphilis.

At this visit, you can discuss:

- Any new or unusual physical symptoms
- Any drugs or medicines you are using
- New or multiple sex partners
- The risk for syphilis in your community

If you test positive for syphilis, you will need treatment right away. It is also important that your sex partner(s) get treated. Follow-up with your healthcare provider to make sure your treatment was successful.



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