Syphilis is on the Rise

Protect Yourself and Your Baby

What is Syphilis?

• It is a sexually transmitted infection caused by bacteria and spread through sexual contact.
• A person can have syphilis and not know it, but, some people get non-painful sores or rashes on the skin.
• If you are pregnant, you can pass syphilis to your baby. It can cause stillbirth and serious health problems for both you and your baby.
• Nevada has the highest rates of syphilis in the United States.

What You Need to Know

• Getting tested is the best way to know if you have syphilis. If you do have syphilis, you need to start getting the treatment you and your baby need as soon as possible.
• Syphilis is easily cured with antibiotics! It is important you start treatment early.

• You need to be tested three times during pregnancy:
  - First visit
  - 28 Weeks
  - Delivery

If you are pregnant, go to a doctor for prenatal care and get tested for syphilis. For more information, call 2-1-1 or visit Nevada211.org