What to know about SYPHILIS

WHAT IS SYPHILIS?

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection caused by bacterium *Treponema pallidum.* If you have had syphilis in the past, you can still get re-infected. Previous syphilis infections do not protect you from re-infection.

41%

Syphilis cases increased by 41% between 2016-2020

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Syphilis develops in stages, and symptoms vary with each stage. Some stages may not present symptoms at all. Symptoms may include:

- Painless sores commonly found around the mouth & on genital areas
- Red & rough skin rashes that aren't itchy found on hands, feet & trunk of your body
- Alopecia

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PREVENTION

Someone with syphilis can spread it through anal, oral & vaginal sex, or by pregnant person to newborn. To prevent syphilis:

Reduce the number of sexual partners

Ask your partners to get tested & treated for syphilis

Use condoms & dental dams

Wait 7 days after finishing treatment to continue any sexual activity

TREATMENT

Syphilis is treatable. It is critical to complete treatment on-time & as directed. Partners should also be treated to prevent any reinfection.

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