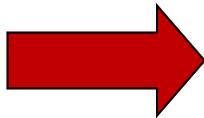


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## Facts About Syphilis

- ◆ Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by a bacteria.
- ◆ We are seeing the highest number of cases seen in the last 20 years.
- ◆ The outbreak is affecting all ages and groups of people.
- ◆ Sexually risky online hookups may be contributing to the spread of new cases.
- ◆ Special attention is being given to prevent the infection from being passed mother to baby.

### How Is Syphilis Spread?

- ◆ Syphilis spreads through sex: vaginal, anal, and oral
- ◆ During pregnancy syphilis can be passed from mother to child through the placenta and cause complications
- ◆ Syphilis is a “skin to skin” disease. It can be transmitted when a sore or lesion over sex partner rubs against the skin. The sore is usually painless.

### Prevention

- ◆ Using condoms is a good way to protect yourself from syphilis sores, IF the sore can be covered.
- ◆ Condom use is an effective form of protection for all STDs.

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### If not treated;

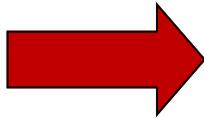
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