

Spot Syphilis. Stop Syphilis.

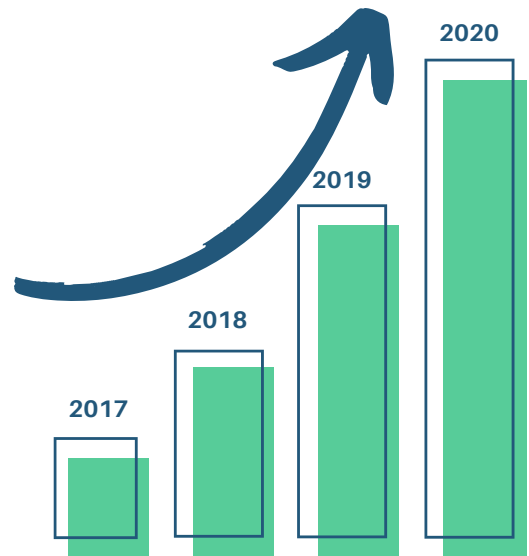
The number of female *syphilis* cases in Michigan is increasing at an alarming rate.

Over the last five years, the number of women in Michigan diagnosed with syphilis has increased by five times.

Now, more than ever, it is imperative that medical providers are testing women for syphilis infection.

Test women who:

- present with symptomatic syphilis infection, or
- have a known exposure to syphilis, or
- are asymptomatic for syphilis but present with other STIs or for STI testing, or
- are pregnant. Pregnant women should be tested in the first trimester and again early in the third trimester.



Patients who are diagnosed with syphilis should be promptly treated according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

All positive cases of syphilis in Michigan are to be reported to MDHHS or the local health department.

For more information on how you can stop syphilis, reach out to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service (MDHHS) syphilis Statewide Provider Liaison Karen Lightheart at LightheartK@Michigan.gov.