

Syphilis

Syphilis is back! When was your last test?

Syphilis is a dangerous sexually transmitted disease with signs and symptoms like other illnesses. Syphilis is easy to get, and also easy to cure with the right medicine. A simple blood test can tell if you have it. If untreated, it can cause serious health problems, such as blindness and heart disease.

DON'T BE FOOLED

- Syphilis often has no symptoms.
- Syphilis stays in your body even if sores go away.
- The only way to be sure you don't have syphilis is to be tested.

We are seeing more people with syphilis in our community than ever before. So get tested today.

If you have questions or want to know more call:
COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH
614.645.7772



FIRST SIGNS OF SYPHILIS:

- An open sore usually in the genital (private) area or mouth that generally does not hurt at all
- The sore may be inside the anus or vagina, so often it is not seen
- Sore goes away without medicine

SECOND SIGNS OF SYPHILIS:

- Rash on palms of your hands and/ or bottoms of your feet
- Rash all over your body
- Bumps that look like warts in the genital (private) area
- Clumps of hair fall out of your head

MOM AND BABY:

- If a woman has syphilis while she is pregnant, it is easily passed from mom to baby.
- Pregnant women should be tested twice during pregnancy - first and third trimesters.
- The baby may be stillborn (born dead) or die shortly after birth. Untreated babies can be developmentally delayed, have seizures, or die.

If a person is infected with syphilis and does not get the right amount or kind of medicine to get rid of the infection, syphilis can cause:

- Heart disease
- Mental illness
- Blindness
- Seizures
- Arthritis
- Death

If you think you have signs of syphilis or may have had sex with someone with signs...

Call
**Columbus
Public Health**
at 645.7772

DROP-IN TESTING

Columbus Public Health
240 Parsons Ave, Columbus, OH 43215

Monday-Thursday-Friday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
Tuesday 11 am to 7 pm
Wednesday 7:30 am to 10:30 am

FREE SYPHILIS TESTING DURING THESE HOURS