

# THAT RASH OR SORE MIGHT BE **SYPHILIS**

Syphilis and other STDs are on the rise in San Diego County

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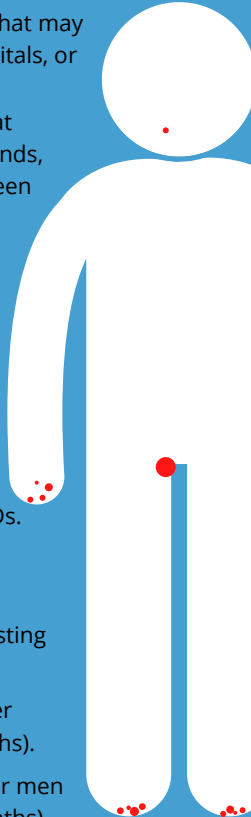
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## **SYPHILIS SYMPTOMS**

- The first symptom is a painless sore that may appear inside or near the mouth, genitals, or anal area.
- A second symptom may be a rash that often appears on the palms of the hands, bottoms of the feet, or the skin between the armpits and upper thighs.
- Syphilis symptoms may appear and disappear.
- To cure syphilis, medical testing and treatment are required.

## **TEST TODAY**

- If you are experiencing signs or symptoms.
- If you are getting tested for other STDs.
- If you are sexually active (testing recommended every 6-12 months).
- If you have sex without a condom (testing recommended every 6 months).
- If you have more than one sex partner (testing recommended every 6 months).
- If you are a man having sex with other men (testing recommended every 3-6 months).
- If you are pregnant or plan to get pregnant in the future.



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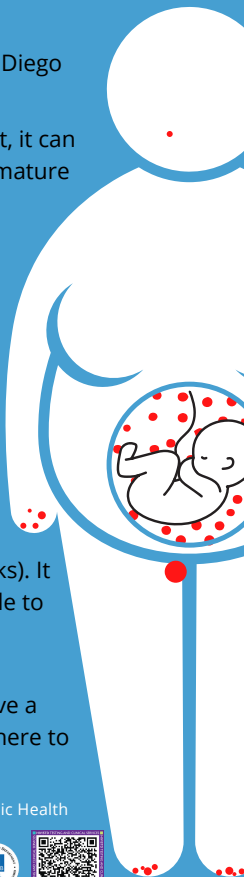
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## **SYPHILIS IN WOMEN**

- Syphilis in women is increasing in San Diego County.
- If a woman has syphilis while pregnant, it can lead to birth defects, miscarriage, premature birth, or stillbirth.
- Good News: Syphilis can be easily treated and cured with antibiotics, even during pregnancy.

## **IF YOU ARE PREGNANT:**

- Prenatal care is very important to keep you and your baby healthy.
- You should be tested for syphilis at least 2 times during your pregnancy (during the 1st trimester and early in the 3rd trimester, between 28-32 weeks). It may be recommended for some people to also get tested at delivery.
- Call 2-1-1 San Diego or visit [www.STDSanDiego.org](http://www.STDSanDiego.org) if you don't have a regular doctor and need to find out where to get tested and treated.



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