

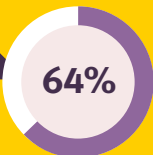
Universal Third Trimester Syphilis Screening

During Pregnancy

As recommended by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and endorsed by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH)



Alert: Syphilis cases in New Jersey have surged



increase in total cases



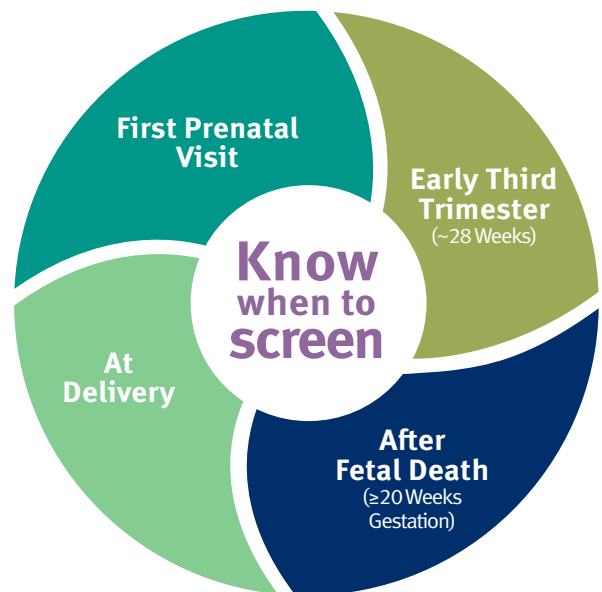
increase in syphilis among females (ages 15-44)



increase in congenital syphilis cases

The data set covers the period from 2019–2024.

Universal third trimester screening is now recommended for **all pregnant people.**



To confirm a positive result, a **complete** syphilis test includes

- ✓ **RPR** (Rapid Plasma Reagin)
- ✓ **Treponemal test** (e.g., FTA, TPPA)

Testing Protocol

Ensure electronic health record (EHR) lab orders include “reflex to confirmatory” to avoid delays.



Need Help?

Contact the NJDOH STD Program

The main line at 609-826-4869 or Amelia Hamarman, Manager of Training and Development, at amelia.hamarman@doh.nj.gov

Resources

- [NJDOH Congenital Syphilis Guides for Providers and Community Members](#)
- [NJ STD Reporting Requirements](#)
- [CDC Syphilis Treatment Guidelines](#)

