Syphilis Rates
IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

What is syphilis?
Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) spread by unprotected anal, vaginal or oral sex with infected partners.

THE DATA

Among 2017 cases of syphilis, 75% ARE MALE

RISK FACTORS

Unprotected sex  Multiple partners  Intravenous drug use  Transactional sex  Anonymous partners  History of STIs  People who test positive for HIV

SYMPTOMS
Fever  Painless sore  Rash

AFFECTED ORGANS
Brain  Eyes  Heart  Bones

TRANSMISSION
Vaginal sex  Oral sex  Anal sex  Mother to fetus

PROTECT & PREVENT
You can have Syphilis and not know it.

GET TESTED

INDICATOR SOURCE: NWT data – NWT Notifiable Disease Registry, Population Health, Department of Health and Social Services; Canadian data – Public Health Agency of Canada, Canadian Notifiable Disease Surveillance System. Note: Canadian data is only available until 2015. INDICATOR DEFINITION: The syphilis rate is the number of people for every 100,000 persons who have had syphilis in 2017. *Intravenous drug use leading to unprotected transactional sex with infected partner.