Syphilis
IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

What is syphilis?
Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection which causes long term, serious disease if not treated.

IN 2019

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  Among infected mothers

PROTECT & PREVENT

YOU CAN HAVE SYPHILIS AND NOT KNOW IT

GET TESTED GET TREATED

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 2016. INDICATOR DEFINITION: The syphilis rate is the number of people for every 100,000 persons who have had syphilis in 2018. *Injection drug use leading to unprotected transactional sex with infected partner.