

# CONGENITAL SYPHILIS PREVENTION

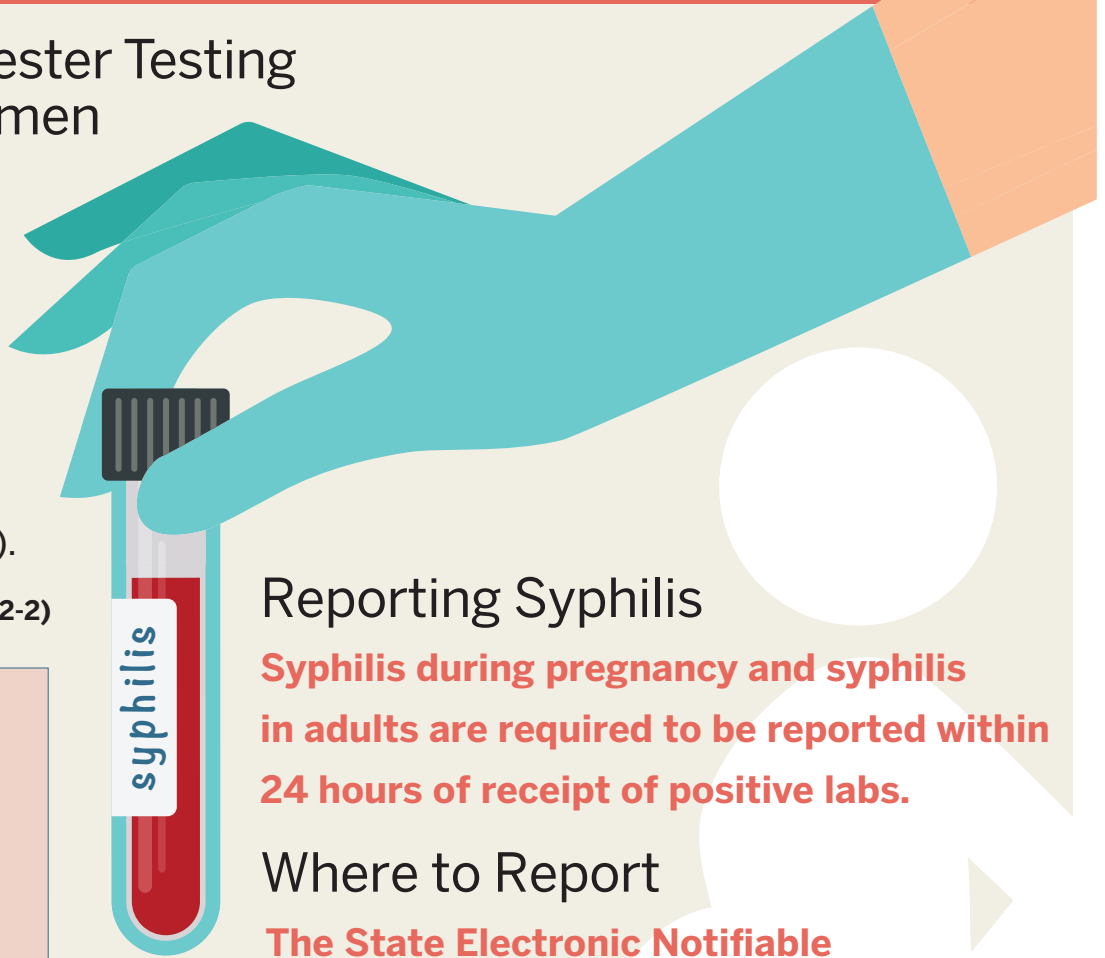
## 1st and 3rd Trimester Testing for Pregnant Women

**Don't forget** to test all pregnant females for syphilis and HIV at the initial prenatal appointment and at the beginning of the 3rd trimester (28-32 weeks).

**IT'S THE LAW!** (O.C.G.A. § 31-12-2)

Contact us if you have questions about syphilis at

**877-STD-GDPH  
(877-783-4374)**



## Reporting Syphilis

**Syphilis during pregnancy and syphilis in adults are required to be reported within 24 hours of receipt of positive labs.**

## Where to Report

**The State Electronic Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (SENDSS) is the fastest and easiest way to report. Register and find training at [sendss.state.ga.us](http://sendss.state.ga.us).**

Improve screening practices for mandated **1st** and **3rd** (28-32 weeks) **trimester** syphilis/HIV testing

**Penicillin G is the only drug known to prevent maternal transmission to the fetus and treat fetal infection. Pregnant women who are allergic to penicillin should be desensitized and treated with the penicillin regimen appropriate for her stage of infection.**

**Find out more about syphilis prevention at [dph.georgia.gov/information-about-stds](http://dph.georgia.gov/information-about-stds)**

