

Criteria for Performing Syphilis Screening*

*Test for syphilis if patients meet **one or more** of these criteria



Patients with signs or symptoms (lesions or rashes) indicative of syphilis[^]

[^]Presumptively treat case if it is believed that the patient is infectious or may be difficult to follow-up with



Patients with a history of signs or symptoms indicative of syphilis[‡]

[‡]As the outbreak subsides we will see an increased number of early latent cases (diagnosis within a year of infection, after the primary and secondary phases have disappeared)



Patients admitting to sexual contact with someone who had any symptoms indicative of syphilis



Patients exhibiting high risk lifestyle behaviors such as substance abuse, unprotected sex, or multiple partners



Patients testing positive or presenting with signs or symptoms of another STD

Remember: Report all confirmed cases of syphilis to the Health Department by phone at (810) 257-3427 or by fax at (810) 257-3247.