

# SYPHILIS CASES IN DANE COUNTY Health Care Provider Advisory

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Dane County is experiencing increases in cases of syphilis, primarily in men who have sex with men (MSM).

Please see the messages below and share this information with relevant colleagues.

## Dane County Syphilis Cases 2014 – Quarter 2 of 2016

2014 42 cases

2015 25 cases

2016 31 cases Q1 & Q2

## Help us prevent the spread of STIs and HIV

- Take a detailed [sexual health history](#) and screen at all exposed sites.
- Offer HIV PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) to HIV-negative MSM at high risk, including those with an STI.
- Promote the correct and consistent use of condoms to reduce risk of infection. Free condoms are available [around the Madison area](#).
- Use [this infographic](#) to help increase community awareness.
- Follow the testing recommendations below.

## Testing recommendations

- All MSM should receive an annual (or more frequent) STI screening panel to include syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and HIV.
  - Having a recent negative syphilis test result on file can help determine the stage of a case of syphilis if diagnosed in the future and help avoid intrusive testing and treatment.



## What to know if you diagnose an STI or HIV case

- Report to the Wisconsin Division of Public Health or Public Health Madison & Dane County
  - Report STIs, including all stages of syphilis, to Public Health Madison & Dane County.
  - Report HIV directly to the Wisconsin Division of Public Health.
- Tell your patient about disease intervention specialists
  - People diagnosed with HIV or syphilis will be contacted by state or local health department staff, known as disease intervention specialists (DIS).
  - DIS work to ensure that cases are receiving care and treatment, and to elicit names of partners so they can be alerted that they may have been exposed to an infection. DIS do not reveal information about the index case when they contact partners.

## More information on Syphilis

- [Syphilis 101: How the disease affects people, including those with HIV](#) (13 minutes)

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## Additional Resources

- Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Wisconsin: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/std/index.htm>
- HIV in Wisconsin: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aids-hiv/index.htm>
- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aids-hiv/prep.htm>
- Reporting of Infectious Diseases: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/diseasereporting.htm>