

protect your baby from syphilis

There has recently been a sharp increase in the number of babies born with syphilis in Louisiana.

What is congenital syphilis (CS)?

Congenital syphilis (CS) occurs when a mother with syphilis passes the infection on to her baby during pregnancy.

How can CS affect my baby?

How CS affects your baby's health depends on how long you had syphilis and if—or when—you got treatment for the infection.

CS can cause:

miscarriage, stillborn, low birth weight or even death after birth

Up to 40% of babies born to women with untreated syphilis may be stillborn, or die from the infection as a newborn.

Syphilis can be treated and cured with antibiotics.

Ask your doctor about first and third trimester testing.



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