

# Congenital Syphilis

PROTECT YOURSELF, PROTECT NAVAJO

Congenital Syphilis (CS) occurs when a pregnant person who has syphilis passes the infection to their baby during pregnancy or child birth. CS can cause major health problems for your baby.

## How common is CS?

From 2016 to 2020, the rate of CS has increased greatly among American Indians and Alaskan Natives (37.7 cases to 190.6 cases per 100,000 live births)



## How can CS affect my baby?

CS may cause:

- Miscarriage
- Still birth
- Prematurity (baby born early)
- Low birth weight
- Death shortly after birth

## How can I protect my baby?

- Get a syphilis test at your first prenatal visit
- Reduce your risk of getting syphilis before, during, and after pregnancy



For more information, please visit [cdc.gov/std/syphilis](https://cdc.gov/std/syphilis) or talk with your local healthcare provider.

