



New screening recommendations for syphilis

- Report positive cases to CDPHE within 24 hours
- Screen sexually active people 15-44 years of age.
- Traditionally, ruling out Syphilis and HIV is part of the workup to diagnose dementia.

Key points

- Colorado continues to experience a sharp rise in syphilis rates over the past few years:
 - Three-fold increase in incidence of all stages of syphilis from 2018 to 2023*
 - Seven-fold increase in incidence of congenital syphilis from 2018 to 2023*
- Colorado is considered an area of increased incidence of syphilis at this time. CDPHE is issuing new screening recommendations in response to this increase in cases. Screening requires use of a [standardized algorithm](#), including at least one treponemal and one non-treponemal test.

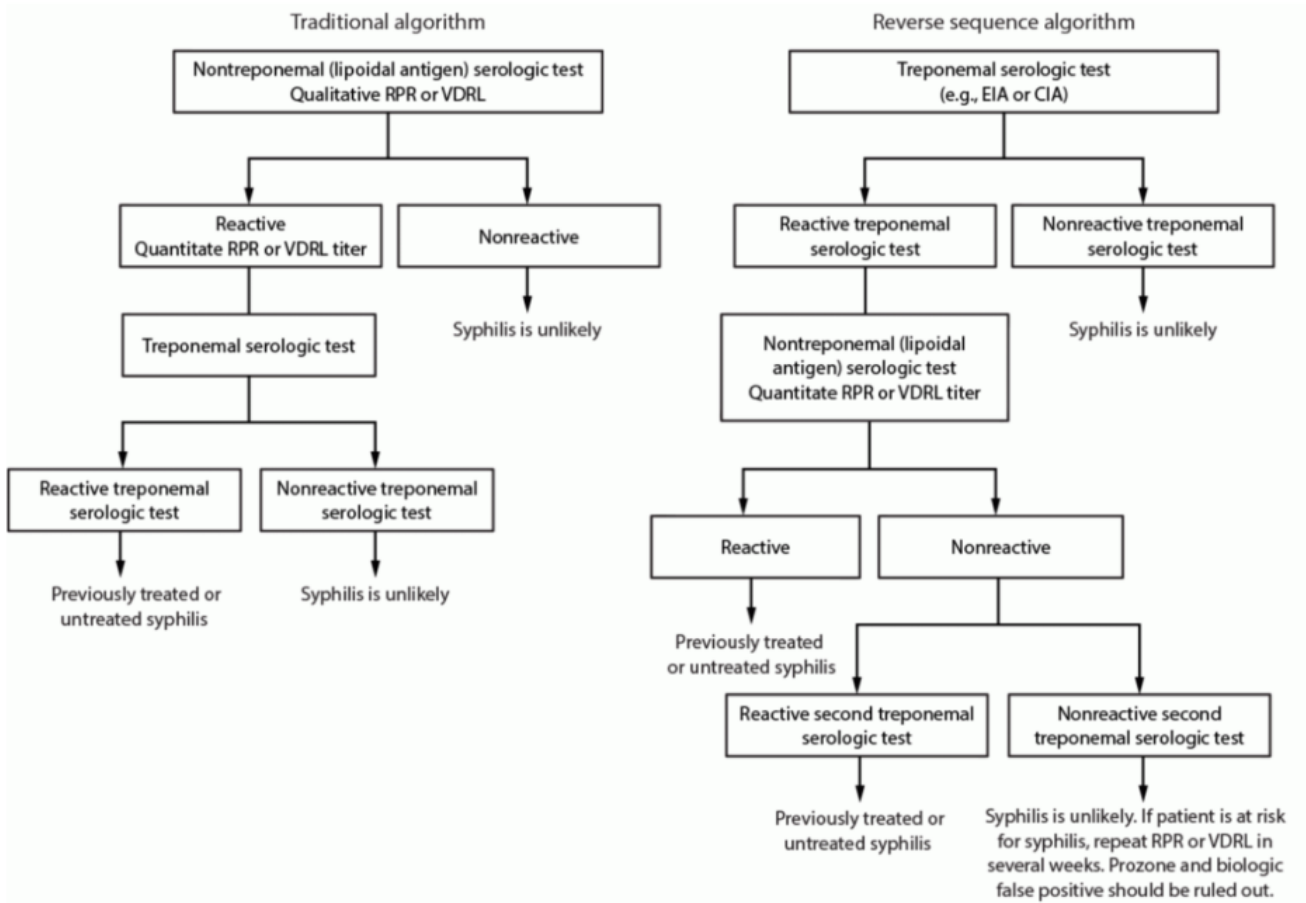
Screen:

- All sexually active people between the ages of 15 and 44 years.
- **All pregnant people three times:** at the first prenatal visit, early in the third trimester (28-32 weeks gestation), and at delivery.
- All pregnant people who present to an urgent care center or an emergency room if the patient has not received prior prenatal care or lacks documentation of adequate syphilis screening during their current pregnancy.
- People with an intrauterine fetal demise.
- All pregnant people as described above in correctional facilities, such as prisons, jails, and juvenile detention centers.
- Any person being evaluated for a sexually transmitted infection. Testing should include syphilis, HIV, gonorrhea, and chlamydia.

[CDC Laboratory Recommendations for Syphilis Testing, United States, 2024 | MMWR](#)



FIGURE 3. Algorithms that can be applied to screening for syphilis with serologic tests — CDC laboratory recommendations for syphilis testing in the United States, 2024



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Resources:

- [The Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of Syphilis \(nycptc.org\)](http://nycptc.org)