Maine had 104 cases of infectious syphilis in 2018. The cases per 100,000 people were 7.8, and there was an increase of 25.3% since 2017.

92% male
35 median age
47% White MSM (men who have sex with men)

100% Of cases were treated for their infection
17% Of cases were HIV positive
32% Of cases lived in Cumberland County

127 Partners/associates were named in contact investigations
59 Partners were given preventative treatment
124 Interviews were conducted by the DIS (Disease Intervention Specialist)

For more information visit:
https://www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/default.htm
https://npin.cdc.gov/publication/syphilis-cdc-fact-sheet
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Prevention:

- Correct and consistent use of latex condoms (prevents contact with sore).
- Being in a long-term mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested and is known to be uninfected.
- Receipt of preventive treatment by sexual partners of infected patients.

Consequences of Delayed Treatment:

- For pregnant women, syphilis can be spread to their unborn child and cause death or stillbirth in 40% of cases.
- Syphilis can increase the risk for HIV, and brain/organ damage.

Persons at High Risk:

- Persons who have had sex without a condom (even once)
- Persons who have multiple partners
- Persons who consume alcohol and/or illicit drugs
- Persons who work in sex work
- Persons who inject drugs
- Men who have sex with men in a non-monogamous relationship
- HIV-infected persons

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