Maine had 104 cases of infectious syphilis in 2018.

- **Cases per 100,000 people:** 7.8
- **Increase since 2017:** 25.3%

**Case Characteristics:**
- **Infectious Syphilis 2018**
  - 17% of cases were HIV positive
  - 100% of cases were treated for their infection
  - 32% of cases lived in Cumberland County

**Contact Investigations:**
- 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://www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/default.htm)
**Demographics:**

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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

For more information visit:


https://www.mainegov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/hiv-std/services/hiv-testing-sites.shtml