Public Service Announcement

Safer sex can stop syphilis and other STIs

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Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection, and it's spreading throughout Nunavut. It can be stopped by practicing safer sex, like using condoms. The infection can be passed from a pregnant woman to her unborn baby.

It is important to be tested if you think you have syphilis. An early symptom is a painless sore. It usually appears three to 90 days after sexual contact with an infected person. Many people don't notice the sore because it is painless.

Syphilis is easily treated. Please contact your health care worker if you think you have syphilis. Don't engage in risky behavior like excessive drinking and drug use. The more sexual partners you have, the greater the risk that you will be exposed to a STI. You are at greater risk of getting HIV/AIDS if you have an untreated STI like syphilis. Getting tested for a STI is easy and it's confidential.

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