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Syphilis has Increased Four-fold in Montana Compared to Recent Years

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* 2018 Preliminary Cases: Montana Dept of Public Health & Human Services

- Early symptoms of syphilis may go away but the syphilis bacteria stays in your body doing more damage.
- Untreated Syphilis may cause difficulty coordinating muscle movements, paralysis and dementia, permanent blindness.
- A pregnant woman with syphilis may transmit the infection to her unborn baby.
- People who are infected always need treatment.

Risk Factors of 2018 Syphilis Cases

- 66% were men who have sex with men.
- 65% used social media apps and online sites to meet their partners.
- Six cases were co-infected with HIV.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/stdfact-syphilis.htm