

How does Syphilis spread?

Part 2 of a 3-part series



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"Weird, there's a sore in my crotch area. I wonder where that came from. Oh well, it doesn't hurt. I'm sure it'll go away."



2 weeks later:

"Huh, I have rashes on my hands and body now. I should see the doctor to find out what this is."

Doc, I had a sore 2 weeks ago on my crotch area. Now rashes. What is this?

Taylor, have you had any sex recently?

"This could be Syphilis. It usually spreads during vaginal, oral or anal sex through bodily fluids. You can also get it through touching a Syphilis sore or rash while having sex. Some people don't show any symptoms, but can spread it."

"Other ways are sharing sex toys or needles. Let's get you tested. If you have Syphilis, you are very contagious, so hold off on any sexual contact until you finish treatment."

"It would be a good idea to ask people you have sex with to get tested too. You can get tested every 3-6 months. You can learn more at SmartSexResource.com."

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