

SYPHILIS IN PREGNANCY UPDATE

Summary: SA Health's Communicable Disease Control Branch has released a '[public health alert](#)' for syphilis so additional screening is currently required. **The PPG: *Syphilis in Pregnancy*** has been updated and now includes information on additional screening requirements during syphilis outbreaks.

INFORMATION RE REVISED PPG: *Syphilis in Pregnancy*

SA Health's Communicable Disease Control Branch has released a '[public health alert](#)' for syphilis so additional screening is currently required.

Subsequent to this, the **PPG: *Syphilis in Pregnancy*** has been updated and now includes the following information on additional screening requirements during syphilis outbreaks:

- During outbreaks, additional syphilis screening should be undertaken for all Aboriginal women residing in high risk areas (or who have travelled through an outbreak area) as well as any woman (regardless of cultural background) with an Aboriginal partner residing in high risk areas (or who has travelled through an outbreak area). Additional screening required:
 - First antenatal visit (routine)
 - 28 weeks
 - 36 weeks
 - At birth
 - 6 week post-natal check
- Further information is available on the SA Health website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/healthalerts or via the Communicable Disease Control Branch: 1300 232 272 (available 24/7)

The SA PPGs are available on the SA Health website: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/perinatal and the SA Health web-based App called *Practice Guidelines* available at: <https://extapps.sahealth.sa.gov.au/PracticeGuidelines>