SYPHILIS SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED SYPHILIS SCREENING OF SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Pregnant people	 Once at either confirmation of pregnancy, or at the first prenatal encounter (ideally during the first trimester) Third trimester, ideally between 28–32 weeks gestation At delivery, if no negative screen documented in third trimester or if risk factors for syphilis are present Prior to Emergency Department (ED) discharge, either via documented test results in pregnancy, or a syphilis test in the ED if documentation is unavailable If incarcerated at an adult correctional facility, at intake or as close to intake as possible
Nonpregnant people who could become pregnant in the future	 At least once, more frequently if at increased risk At the time of each HIV test If incarcerated at an adult correctional facility, at intake or as close to intake as possible
Male assigned at birth: MSW	• If at increased risk
Male assigned at birth: MSM/MSMW & TGW	AnnuallyMore frequently if at increased risk
All genders: Using HIV PrEP	• Every 3 months
All genders: HIV-seropositive	 Annually More frequently if at increased risk

MSW: Man who has sex with women; MSM: Man who has sex with men; MSMW: Man who has sex with men and women; PrEP: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis; TGW: Transgender Woman.

TABLE 2: RECOGNIZED RISK FACTORS FOR SYPHILIS AMONG PEOPLE WHO ARE OR COULD BECOME PREGNANT

- Late prenatal care
- HIV infection
- Living in a local health jurisdiction with high syphilis morbidity among females
- Living in a local health jurisdiction with high-CS morbidity
- History of syphilis infection
- Methamphetamine use
- Intravenous drug use
- Homeless or unstable housing

- Recent incarceration or a sex partner recently incarcerated
- Having sex in exchange for resources, such as money or drugs
- Multiple sex partners
- Sex partners who are MSMW or who have other concurrent partners
- Having sex under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Diagnosis of another STD within the past 12 months
- Pelvic pain or diagnosis of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)

