

Congenital Syphilis
What you need to know



Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease (STD).
Anyone who has sex—vaginal, anal or oral—can get it.

It can be hard to tell if you have syphilis.
The only way to know for sure is to get tested.



If you test positive, get treated right away.
Treatment is usually 1 dose of antibiotics.
Your sex partners should get treated, too.



A pregnant person can give syphilis to their baby.
Syphilis in a baby is called congenital syphilis.



Babies born with syphilis must be treated in a hospital right away.



As soon as you know you're pregnant, go to a healthcare provider.

They will test you for syphilis.

If you test positive, they will treat you.

Getting treated can prevent you from giving syphilis to your baby.

STATISTICS FROM "MY (HOMELESS) PEOPLE" WHO DIED IN DECEMBER 2021, JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022

We honored 42 people who died in that time frame.

These people died on average 28 years sooner than the sheltered people in Pierce County. This represents 35% of their lives! (Average age of death for Pierce County is 78)

48% were under the age of 40. The oldest was 81 and the youngest was 26. Drugs were involved in 42% of their deaths. Violent deaths comprised 19% -- Homicides and one Suicide

Hypothermia caused 3 deaths. The first at the Tacoma Dome Station in view of everyone, 12/26/2021. The second and third 1/31/2022 and 2/26/2022 were on nights where the temperature was 35 and 36 respectively. The windchill was 27 degrees.

13 deaths occurred in public places including the Tacoma Dome Station and Clover Park High School Tennis Courts. 3 deaths occurred in encampments, with only 1 being violent

Learn more at tpchd.org/std or call (253) 649-1418.

SWEEPS NEWS

On May 18, 2022, the City of Tacoma plans to sweep tents and other structures between S. 9th to S. 11th between M Street & MLK Jr. Way.

The City must offer campers alternative shelter. You may be offered a hotel room or an opportunity to move to a 'tiny home.' If you are subject to a sweep and are not offered acceptable options, ask the city officials, "Where am I supposed to go?" If you have possessions that need to be stored, ask that they be stored for you. If you prefer additional community outreach and services, including additional shelter alternatives, call 211. Your neighbors care about you and wish you the best during this difficult transition.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Tacoma Rescue Mission
Meals & Shelter (Single Adults)
425 South Tacoma Way
Tacoma, WA 98402
253-383-4493 x 1106

MDC
Detox & Outpatient Treatment
721 Fawcett Avenue, suite 100
253-593-2413

Comprehensive Life Resources
Homeless Outreach
1305 Tacoma Avenue South, Suite 305
homelessoutreach@cmhshare.org
253-396-5065

Tacomaprobono Community Lawyers
***eviction defense, legal financial obligations,
evictions on your record***
621 Tacoma Avenue South, Suite 302
online intake www.tacomaprobono.org
phone lines open 10-12 M-Th, in-person intake
1-3 p.m. M-Th

Pierce County Alliance
addiction treatment
Recovery Navigation Program
510 Tacoma Avenue South
253-878-6057
After hours crisis line: 1-800-576-7764

Catholic Community Services
Nativity House Shelter & Day Center
702 S. 14th St.
Tacoma, WA 98405
253-502-2780
Family Day Center
5050 South Tacoma Way
Tacoma, WA 98409
253-471-5340

The Salvation Army
1501 - 6th Ave.
Tacoma, WA 98405
253-572-8452

Sea Mar
Health Care for the Homeless
1307 S. 11th St.
Tacoma, WA 98405
253-682-2180

Beacon Young Adult Shelter
Ages 10-24
415 S. 13th St.
Tacoma, WA 98402
253-677-0102

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