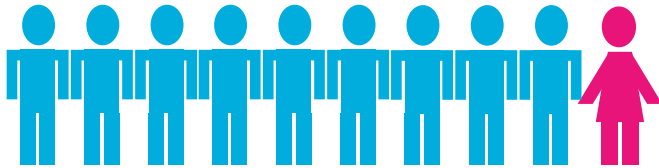


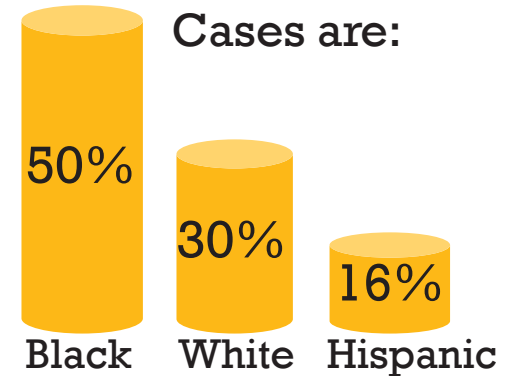
# SYPHILIS MOST COMMONLY REPORTED IN MEN

Every year there are around 1,600 cases of syphilis in Illinois. Syphilis is transmitted through direct contact with syphilis sores during unprotected anal, oral and vaginal sex. Early symptoms of syphilis are a sore and later symptoms may be a rash, headache, fever, sore throat, aches, hair loss, and swollen joints. If syphilis is not treated, it can cause arthritis, blindness, heart disease, mental illness, and death.

## Who has syphilis?



9 of 10 cases are in men



### HIV Co-infection

- Sores make it easier to get HIV during sex
- About 35% of people with syphilis also are infected with HIV

Simple Testing One blood draw

Simple Treatment One dose of medicine for most cases

Use a condom

Have sex with only one uninfected partner (who only has sex with you)

Abstain from sexual activity

**GET TESTED AND REDUCE YOUR RISK!**