

For Health Professionals

Health Alerts

Health Advisory #95 - Syphilis Cases - August 16, 2004

The NYSDOH has noted an increase in the number of confirmed cases of Syphilis in the Buffalo/Rochester area over the past month. In addition, the Erie County STD Clinic has noted a reappearance of Syphilis in Erie County as evidenced by small clusters of confirmed cases.

Private and hospital providers should be aware of patients presenting with lesions and rashes indicative of Syphilis. RPR testing should be done on all patients determined to be at risk, presenting with symptoms, or who have had a known exposure to a recently diagnosed infection or has had multiple partners.

For more information, and to report any confirmed or suspect cases of Syphilis please contact Lynda Suchman at the Erie County STD clinic (858-7853).

Please visit the following link for additional information on Syphilis:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/dstd/Fact_Sheets/Syphilis_Facts.htm