



Frequently Asked Questions for Providers

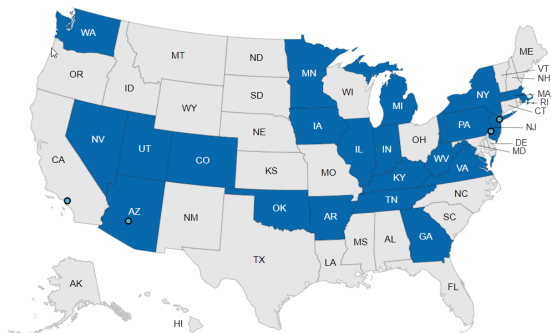
What is SET-NET?

CDC's Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies Network (SET-NET) aims to understand how health threats affect pregnant persons and their infants by tracking pregnancy outcomes, birth defects, developmental problems and other disabilities. Michigan's SET-NET program is currently collecting data on perinatal syphilis cases from 2022-2026.

The goal is to address the increased rates of syphilis among pregnant persons and engage in more community outreach to implement best practices to improve the health outcomes for parents, infants and families.

Which health departments are participating?

In the map below, the teal states are participating in SET-NET Syphilis project:



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- SET-NET is a legitimate, long-standing project sponsored and funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and CDC.
- Information from this project is used by prevention planning groups, policy leaders, health care providers and testing agencies.
- Patients are not directly contacted. SET-NET staff will only contact medical providers for information.

Who is included in this study?

This project includes pregnant persons who were diagnosed with syphilis during their pregnancy between the years of 2022-2026 as well as their infants who are followed through three years of age.

To learn more about how SET-NET works visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/set-net/about/how-set-net-works.html>

What kind of information is collected?

The SET-NET project collects information about various demographic, clinical and behavioral characteristics. This includes, but is not limited to, the following information:

- Medical history.
- Testing and treatment.
- Healthcare visits.
- Access to prenatal care.

Why do you need to look at my patient's medical records?

SET-NET data tracks how rising syphilis rates impact pregnant persons and their infants over time. Information from the medical records assists assessing syphilis treatment, testing and quality of care at local and national levels.

How will the information collected be used?

SET-NET data is used for improving program planning, policy and funding services. Findings are routinely published in surveillance reports and medical journals and presented to community planning groups and at national conferences on topics such as prenatal care and health care coverage. At the national level, SET-NET is a preparedness network that aims to ensure that the needs of pregnant persons and their infants are met during a public health threat. Locally, SET-NET aims to link families to medical, social services to get recommended care and reduce barriers or limitations to care.

For more information about SET-NET, please visit:

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How will the data be secured?

SET-NET staff follow strict protocols to ensure the confidentiality and privacy of all patient information. No individual identifiers, including patient or provider names or addresses, are sent to the CDC, nor will they be released or used in any reports.

For more information on the minimum required data and security and confidentiality standards, please see the guidelines here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/program-collaboration-service-integration/php/data-security/index.html>

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