

Greetings,

The [Giving Infants a Future Without Transmission \(GIFT\) Act](#) (House Bill 119/Senate Bill 211) was signed into law during the 2024 legislative session and went into effect in Maryland on **October 1, 2024**. This law aims to reduce the occurrence of congenital syphilis and perinatal HIV transmissions by strengthening reporting and testing standards for HIV and syphilis for hospitals and health care providers who serve pregnant persons and newborns.

**The GIFT Act requires the following:**

- Universal HIV and syphilis screening for all pregnant persons at the time of delivery
- Newborn HIV testing when the HIV status of the birthing person is unknown
- Maternal syphilis testing performed during the third trimester expanded to all Maryland jurisdictions
- Maternal syphilis testing following a stillbirth delivered at 20 weeks gestation or later; or weighing at least 500 grams
- Pregnant persons living with HIV reported to the health department by health care providers

**Screening Recommendations**

For guidance on HIV testing during pregnancy, please visit this [website](#). For guidance on syphilis testing during pregnancy, please visit this [website](#).

**Pregnancy Reporting Details**

Health care providers shall report pregnancy among persons living with HIV using the [Maryland Confidential Morbidity Report form \(DHMH 1140\)](#). When reporting, please select YES under *Pregnant Patient*. For general HIV reporting information, please visit this [website](#).

**Infant Reporting Reminder**

In Maryland, there is a mandatory reporting requirement of all infants exposed to HIV in Maryland to the state health department. To ensure compliance, please use the [Maryland Confidential Morbidity Report form \(DHMH 1140\)](#) to notify the state health department of any HIV-exposed infants.

**When completing the form, select:**

- **"Disease or Condition"**: HIV Perinatal Exposure
- **"Suspected Source of Infection"**: Perinatal Exposure

**Contact Information**

For questions or further assistance with pregnancy reporting, please reach out to:

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