

**Management of sexual contacts of a person diagnosed with
Syphilis**

Date _____

Dear Dr _____

Your patient has been a contact of infectious syphilis. Please screen for sexually transmitted infections, including pharyngeal and/or anorectal swabs as indicated, as well as serology for syphilis and HIV (and targeted hepatitis B and C – see Sexual Health Check guideline www.nzshs.org/guidelines).

New Zealand guidelines recommend empiric treatment of sexual contacts, *irrespective of negative test results*. Syphilis management can be complex, therefore it is recommended to refer or discuss with a sexual health specialist.

Abstinence from sexual contact is strongly recommended until treatment requirement can be verified.

Sincerely,