COUNSELING IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE:

1. Once a client served by a Title X service site is verified as pregnant, it is required that she be referred to a health care provider for prenatal health care.

2. Given recent increases in syphilis among women in New Mexico, with an increase in congenital syphilis cases, ALL pregnant women should be screened for syphilis as soon as suspected pregnancy is confirmed by the health office or non-PHO site at any gestational age. This preliminary syphilis test does not take the place of regularly scheduled prenatal lab testing and referral to a prenatal provider, maternal-child health provider, or primary care provider for prenatal care is required.

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E. All other tests are done either on site or by referral:

- **Syphilis** – For both PHO and non-PHO, refer to STD Program Protocol and addendum. For non-PHO, refer to clinic treatment protocols and the New Mexico Public Health Order.

  _Diagnostic testing and screening for pregnant women_ - For both PHO and non-PHO sites:

  ALL pregnant women should be screened for syphilis as soon as suspected pregnancy is confirmed in a health office or non-PHO site at any gestational age. This preliminary syphilis test does not take the place of regularly scheduled prenatal lab testing - referral to a prenatal provider, maternal-child health provider, or primary care provider for prenatal care is required.

  Pregnant women who test negative in their first trimester may be advised to go to a PHO (as a non-Title X client) for syphilis testing after 26 weeks gestation if they do not have regular prenatal care.

- **HIV** - For PHO, refer to Section 1 of the FPP Protocol, Subsection 1.2.H.e STD Services. For non-PHO Title X clients, the HIV testing is not covered in the FPP agreement.

- **Rubella immunity status** at the client’s own expense for both PHO and non-PHO.