



CHANCROID FACT SHEET

WHAT IS CHANCROID?

Chancroid is caused by the bacterium *Haemophilus ducreyi*. Humans are the only source of infection. After exposure, it typically takes 3 to 10 days to show the first signs of being ill.

HOW DO YOU GET CHANCROID?

People can get Chancroid through sexual contact.

SYMPTOMS

The first sign of infection is usually the appearance of one or more sores or raised bumps on the genital organs. Sores are surrounded by a narrow red border which soon becomes filled with pus and eventually ruptures, leaving a painful open sore.

TREATMENT

Chancroid can be treated with antibiotics. Discuss treatment options with your doctor.

PREVENTION

- Abstinence (not having sex)
- Mutual monogamy (having sex with only one uninfected partner)
- Use latex condoms for vaginal, oral and anal sex
- If you do get Chancroid, avoid contact with the infected area to prevent chance of spreading the infection to other parts of the body

DPHD EFFORTS:

Reports of suspected and confirmed cases of disease are made to the Delaware Public Health District. The Health District investigates potential sources of illness, conducts surveillance for the spread of disease, and engages in community outreach and education.