

STD AND HIV TESTING IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA

A GUIDE FOR GAY, BISEXUAL AND OTHER MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM)

WHAT SHOULD I GET TESTED FOR?

WHICH TEST?	HOW DO THEY TEST FOR IT?	HOW DO I KNOW IF I NEED THE TEST?	HOW OFTEN SHOULD I GET TESTED?
HIV	Blood or oral swab	If your last test was negative or you've never been tested.	<p>At least once a year. Repeat testing every 3 - 6 months is a good idea if you or your partner are sexually active with more than one partner. **</p>
SYPHILIS	Blood	No ifs - just get this test! A must for sexually active MSM.	
Gonorrhea and chlamydia of the uretha (penis).	Urine*	If you top or receive oral sex.	
Gonorrhea and chlamydia of the rectum (butt).	Rectal swab*	If you bottom.	
Gonorrhea and chlamydia of the throat	Throat swab*	If you give oral sex.	
Ask your doctor about these other tests that may or may not be right for you: Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HSV-2 (Herpes Simplex Type 2)			Ask Your Doctor

WHERE CAN I GET TESTED?

TESTING PLACE	WHAT THEY OFFER	FOR MORE INFORMATION
Your doctor's office	It varies*	Ask them - call ahead
County Health Departments	STD and HIV testing. Anonymous HIV testing is available at all locations.	Call for fees. All Health Departments will test you regardless of ability to pay.
Community-Based HIV Test Sites	Free HIV Testing. Some offer rapid testing (results in 20 minutes).	Always FREE. Hours vary. Directory at: www.noflacweb.org
HOW CAN I REMEMBER TO GET TESTED?	Sign up with the "We All Test" service at wealltest.com/test/ to get free email or text message reminders.	

A link to a directory of HIV Test Sites in Northwest Florida can be found on the home page of noflacweb.org

*The best tests for gonorrhea and chlamydia are called nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATS). *Ask your doctor for them!*

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If you have symptoms or concerns, see your health care provider or local Health Department as soon as possible.