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*A Gay Man's Guide to STD Testing*

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	If your last test was negative or you've never been tested.	At least annually, or every three to six months if you have more than one sex partner
Syphilis	Blood	A must for sexually active gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM).	
Gonorrhea and Chlamydia of the throat	Throat swab	If you perform oral sex.	
Gonorrhea and Chlamydia of the rectum (butt)	Rectal (butt) swab	If you receive (bottom) during anal sex.	
Gonorrhea and Chlamydia of the urethra (penis)	Urine screening	If you give (top) during anal sex or receive oral sex.	
Hepatitis C	Blood	If you are living with HIV, born between 1945 and 1965, or have shared injection drug equipment.	

*Find testing locations at:*

**knowmystatus.org** or **gettested.cdc.gov**