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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 3-6 months if you have more than one sex partner
Syphilis	blood	A must for sexually active gay men	
Gonorrhea & Chlamydia of the throat	Throat swab	If you perform oral sex	
Gonorrhea & Chlamydia of the rectum (butt)	Rectal (butt) swab	If you have receptive anal sex (bottom)	
Gonorrhea & Chlamydia of the urethra (penis)	urine screening or urethral swab	If you have insertive anal sex (top) or receive oral sex	
Hepatitis C	blood	If you are HIV positive or were born between 1945 and 1965	

Find testing locations at:

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