

Testing for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

<u>STD</u>	<u>When after possible exposure will a test detect the disease?</u>	<u>When do symptoms usually appear?</u>	<u>When are test results available?</u>
Chlamydia or Nonspecific Urethritis	7 days after having sex.	Most people with chlamydia have no symptoms. If symptoms appear, it's usually 7 to 28 days after exposure.	7–10 days
Gonorrhea	7 days after having sex.	Most women and some men have no symptoms. Symptoms may appear 2 to 21 days after exposure.	7–10 days
Hepatitis B	Test is 95% accurate one month after having sex or sharing a needle.	Many people have mild or no symptoms. Symptoms may appear 1 to 9 months after exposure.	7–10 days
Herpes	If there is an obvious sore, test within 4–5 days of when you first see the sore. If there is no sore, test with a blood sample 3–4 months after having sex.	Most people have no symptoms. Symptoms may show up 1 to 30 days (or longer) after exposure.	7–10 days
HIV	Most accurate 30 days or more days after having sex.	A person can be infected with HIV for many years and have no symptoms. Symptoms can appear several months to several years after exposure.	Rapid HIV test: 20 minutes HIV Combo test: 7–10 days
HPV/Genital Warts	No testing available if warts are not visible; diagnosis is made by visual inspection.	Many people have no symptoms. Symptoms may appear weeks, months, or years after exposure. If you have genital warts, get checked.	Results available upon inspection
Syphilis	Most accurate 30 days or more after having sex.	Symptoms may appear 1 to 12 weeks after having sex. If you see sores and/or a rash, get screened for syphilis even if the sores heal.	7–10 days

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