



HIV & SYPHILIS: YOU TEST, WE DO THE REST

STI/HIV TESTING

- You, a health care provider, order testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). HIV and syphilis testing **must include** [confirmatory blood testing](#).
- Labs are required by law to report reactive results with state and local health departments (LHDs). Case reporting details must be submitted to the state for all confirmed cases. Reporting instructions available at Michigan.gov/HIVSTI.



DIS OUTREACH

- Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) work in state and local health departments to ensure patients are treated and stop transmission of STIs.
- All new HIV and most syphilis cases are assigned to a DIS to ensure reporting, follow-up, etc. DIS help providers across Michigan with new diagnoses, sharing comprehensive syphilis history and discussing treatment.
- For a [directory of state and local health department DIS](#), scan the QR code below.



FOLLOW-UP: DIS CAN...

- Provide access to medications used to treat STIs (e.g., bicillin) if access is limited or a patient is not insured.
- Make sure patients understand treatment regimen (e.g., taking all meds even if symptoms resolve before finishing).
- Set reminders for retesting and answer post-appointment questions.



PARTNER SERVICES

- Partner Services staff, including DIS, can reach out to notify and provide follow-up for partners of patients.
- Partner Services include testing and treatment of partners, counseling and the same level of DIS follow-up that your patients receive.



HOW CAN YOU HELP

- Increase testing and awareness that someone from the health department will reach out.
- Inform patients that their personal information and anything they share with DIS is confidential.
- **Destigmatize!** Sexual health care is health care. Your patients should feel no guilt or shame for getting tested and taking ownership of their sexual health.



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