

HIV and STDs

STATISTICS:

HIV

- About one million people are infected with HIV in the U.S. Approximately one-quarter do not know they are infected, underscoring the need to expand opportunities for HIV testing.
- Approximately 16,000 people in Michigan are living with HIV/AIDS.
- Michigan health department staff annually perform about 55,000 HIV tests and provide counseling and referral services for about 800 HIV-infected persons and about 400 of their sexual partners and/or needle-sharing partners.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

- One in four Americans contract a STD in their lifetime; more than 15 million are infected each year.
- Michigan rates for Chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis are higher than national rates.
- Local health departments annually process about 40,000 cases of Chlamydia, 17,000 cases of gonorrhea, and 200 cases of infectious syphilis.

Reduce Your Risks Month

RESOURCES:

LMAS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Luce County: (906) 293-5107
Alger County: (906) 387-2297

Mackinac County: (906) 643-1100
Schoolcraft County: (906) 341-6951

Michigan Department of Community Health

www.michigan.gov/mdch

HIV Prevention & Intervention Section

(517) 241-5900

STD/HIV Hotline

(800) 872-AIDS

Planned Parenthood

www.plannedparenthood.org

U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

www.cdc.gov

National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/nchstp.html>

National STD/HIV Hotline

(800) 342-2437



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Because there is no cure for HIV/AIDS, infection is a concern for all people. Young women are the fastest growing group of people infected with HIV/AIDS.
- HIV infection is spread through contact with body fluids, including blood, semen, and breast milk.
- With treatment, HIV infected mothers rarely pass the infection on to their babies.
- People with a pre-existing STD have a three-fold to five-fold risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS.
- Diagnosis and treatment targets not only the person diagnosed with HIV or a STD, but also people who may have been exposed to an infection.
- Although treatable, Chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis can have no symptoms, resulting in serious problems such as pelvic inflammatory disease, sterility, and in some cases, premature death.
- The highly confidential nature of HIV Counseling & Testing and STD Testing allows clients to seek treatment and honestly divulge information about their sexual and/or needle-sharing partners, helping to break the chain of transmission.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- Confidential counseling and testing
- Partner counseling
- Referral for follow-up and treatment
- Educational presentations in schools