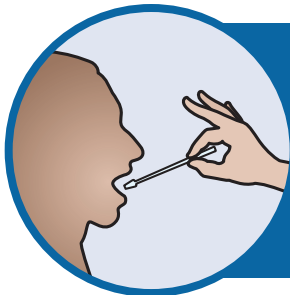


# HIV/AIDS: SHOULD I GET TESTED?



## EVERYONE WITH A RISK SHOULD BE TESTED FOR HIV.

Risks include having multiple sexual partners, sex with an HIV-positive partner, and sharing of needles. Talk to your health care provider if you have questions.



## WHAT IS A HIV TEST LIKE?

A health care worker will simply swab the inside of your mouth or take a small blood sample.

You will get the results back quickly:  
15-20 minutes for a rapid test or 1-3 days if the test is sent to a lab.



- The Arkansas Department of Health will contact you and help you receive treatment. You may be eligible for discounts.
- You will know your status and be able to start receiving the lifesaving treatment you need and protect those you love.

To learn more about treating HIV, visit

[www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/staying-in-hiv-care/hiv-treatment/hiv-treatment-overview](http://www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/staying-in-hiv-care/hiv-treatment/hiv-treatment-overview)

**WHAT  
HAPPENS  
IF I TEST  
POSITIVE  
FOR HIV?**

**HOW  
OFTEN  
SHOULD  
I BE  
TESTED?**

**After your first test, you should get tested at least once each year if:**

- You have sex with someone that is HIV-positive.
- You have had more than one sexual partner since your last HIV test.
- You have shared needles for drug use.
- You have another sexually transmitted disease.

## WHERE DO I GO TO GET TESTED FOR HIV?

You can be tested for HIV at your local Community Health Center or another health care facility.

To find a health center, visit [www.chc-ar.org/health-center-list](http://www.chc-ar.org/health-center-list) or call **501-374-8225**.