

**STI PREVENTION AND CONTROL SERVICES, SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
STI AND HIV SCREENING GUIDELINES**

These evidence-based recommendations provide guidance for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and HIV screening in persons without symptoms or a need for diagnostic testing.<sup>1</sup>

**WOMEN**

	<b>Chlamydia and Gonorrhea (Urogenital)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Syphilis<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>HIV</b>
<b>15- 25 years</b>	Test every 12 months	At least one lifetime test <sup>4</sup>	At least one lifetime test <sup>4</sup>
<b>Older than 25 years</b>	Not routinely recommended <sup>4</sup>	At least one lifetime test <sup>4</sup>	At least one lifetime test <sup>4</sup>
<b>Pregnant</b>	Test in 1 <sup>st</sup> trimester, repeat in 3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester if at increased risk <sup>4</sup>	Test in 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester, and at delivery <sup>5,6</sup>	First prenatal visit, repeat in 3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester if at increased risk <sup>4</sup>
<b><i>HIV+ Women should be screened annually for trichomoniasis (trich)</i></b>			

**MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH WOMEN**

	<b>Chlamydia and Gonorrhea</b>	<b>Syphilis<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>HIV</b>
<b>15-44 years</b>	Not routinely recommended <sup>4</sup>	At least one lifetime test <sup>4</sup>	At least one lifetime test <sup>4</sup>
<b>Older than 44 years</b>	Not routinely recommended <sup>4</sup>	Not routinely recommended <sup>4</sup>	At least one lifetime test <sup>4</sup>

**MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM)**

	<b>Chlamydia and Gonorrhea</b>	<b>Syphilis<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>HIV</b>
<b>Blood</b>		Every 3 months	
<b>Rectal, Pharyngeal, and Urine<sup>7</sup></b>	Every 3 months		

**TRANS WOMEN AND TRANS MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN**

	<b>Chlamydia and Gonorrhea</b>	<b>Syphilis<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>HIV</b>
<b>Blood</b>		Every 3 months	
<b>Rectal &amp; Pharyngeal<sup>7</sup></b>	Every 3 months		
<b>Urine/Vaginal Swab</b>	Every 3 months		

<sup>1</sup>Also see: [CDPH Updates Syphilis Screening Recommendations 10/14/2024](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz/STI/STI/Pages/20240110-Syphilis-Screening-Recommendations.aspx).

<sup>2</sup>Vaginal swab (self-collected or clinician collected) is preferred, urine also acceptable.

<sup>3</sup>Syphilis testing should be included whenever a person of any age is tested for HIV or other STIs, including mpox.

<sup>4</sup>Consider more frequent screening if patient reports: sex with a man who has sex with men, history of STI in the past year, methamphetamine use, unstable housing or homelessness, sex work, intimate partner violence, or incarceration.

<sup>5</sup>Regardless of intentions to carry to term.

<sup>6</sup>Test all pregnant people in Emergency Departments for syphilis if documentation of syphilis testing during pregnancy is not available.

<sup>7</sup>Prioritize extragenital screening in MSM and trans women, as rectal and pharyngeal infections are almost always asymptomatic and include urine if cost permits. Trans men should have vaginal/front-hole screening (swab or urine) if having receptive vaginal/front-hole sex.

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