



**APRIL IS
STD AWARENESS
MONTH**

**Texas Department of Health
Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention**



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Some BACTERIAL STDs:

- **Chlamydia**
- **Gonorrhea**
- **Syphilis**



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Some VIRAL STDs:

- **Herpes**
- **Genital Warts**
- **HIV/AIDS**

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Behaviors that **INCREASE** your risk for becoming infected with an STD include:

- **Unprotected sexual intercourse (including vaginal, oral, and anal sex)**
- **Sharing needles to inject drugs**
- **Sharing tattoo/body piercing needles**
- **Having multiple sexual partners**

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To **REDUCE** your risk for becoming infected with an STD:

- If you're sexually active, use a condom (including vaginal, oral and anal sex)
- If you use drugs, **DO NOT** share needles
- If you get tattoos or body piercings, **DO NOT** share needles

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Behaviors that present **NO RISK** for
STD infection include:

- Using a public toilet
- Getting a massage
- Getting a mosquito bite
- Donating blood
- Eating at a restaurant
- Hugging someone with an STD
- Having sex **ONLY** with a mutually monogamous, uninfected partner



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Using alcohol or other drugs
INCREASES YOUR RISK
of becoming infected with an STD



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Signs and symptoms of STDs may include:

- **Painful or painless sores in the vaginal, oral, or anal area**
- **Unusual discharge**
- **Burning during urination**
- **Pelvic, lower abdominal, or groin pain**
- **Itching**
- **Warts on genitals, anus, or urethra**



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**Most people with
STDs have**

NO SYMPTOMS



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All STDs are treatable.

Some STDs are curable.



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How can you stay healthy?

- **Don't have sex.**
- **If you have sex, use a latex condom every time.**
- **Have sex with one partner who only has sex with you.**
- **Don't share needles.**



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If you think
you have an STD,
get **TESTED!**

If you have an STD,
get **TREATED!**



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**Where Can You
Find Information on
Testing and Treatment for STDs?**

TEXAS HIV/STD InfoLine

1-800-299-2437

www.tdh.state.tx.us/hivstd