

Around 1/2 of the people reading this will get an STD by age 25

Yes, you read that right. Americans get around 20 million sexually transmitted disease (STDs) every year, and about **half** of those are in young people, ages 15-24.

Many STDs have no signs or symptoms, so the only way to know if you have one is to get tested. Anyone who has sex can get an STD, YES to sex? **YES means TEST!**

What Young People Need to Know

Trending STDs

Two of the most commonly reported STDs are **chlamydia** and **gonorrhea**.

About half of gonorrhea infections and 65% of chlamydia infections occur in young people, aged 15-24.

Better Now Than Later

Typically chlamydia and gonorrhea can be easily cured with antibiotics. But if **left undiagnosed and untreated, these infections can cause serious health consequences, like infertility in women.**

Why Get Tested

ANYONE who is sexually active can get an STD like chlamydia or gonorrhea.

Vaginal, oral or anal sex—even genital skin-to-skin contact—can spread STDs. Getting tested is a part of staying healthy.

Free or Cheap

Getting tested is quick and easy. It's usually just a quick swab or a urine sample. **Most insurance covers STD testing, and there are many clinics that offer free testing.** And it can be confidential—no one needs to know.

If you have had sex, talk to a healthcare provider about STD testing. Take control of your sexual health and protect yourself from health complications in the future.

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