

The Facts on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

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STD Facts:

Almost 50% of new STD transmissions happen in 15- to 24-year-olds.

Bacterial STDs, like gonorrhea and chlamydia, can be cured with treatment. **Viral STDs**, like HPV and herpes, cannot be cured, but symptoms are not always present.

Medication for bacterial STDs only works when:

- Medication is taken as prescribed
- Person abstains from sexual activity with the partner who transmitted the STD



Something to talk about:

- Discuss the short-term and long-term consequences of getting an STD.
- Discuss how to avoid transmitting STDs.

Most STDs do not have symptoms. If your teen has been sexually active, they need to get tested regularly.

Testing Site Information:



Fort Wayne - Allen County
Department of Health
(260) 449-7504



gettested.cdc.gov



Use the QR reader on your phone to watch a video about STD statistics.



Use the **Identifying STDs Handout** to learn more about the symptoms and consequences of STDs.