

STD PREVENTION AND CONTROL SERVICES, SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STD 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.^{1, 2}

WOMEN

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

MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH WOMEN

	Chlamydia and Gonorrhea	Syphilis	HIV
Any age, any site	Not routinely recommended ²		At least one lifetime test ²

MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM)

	Chlamydia and Gonorrhea	Syphilis	HIV
Blood		Every 3 months	
Rectal & Pharyngeal⁵	Every 3 months		
Urine⁶	Every 3 months		

TRANS WOMEN AND TRANS MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

	Chlamydia and Gonorrhea	Syphilis	HIV
Blood		Every 3 months	
Rectal & Pharyngeal⁵	Every 3 months		
Urine⁶/Vaginal Swab	Every 3 months		

¹These are general population recommendations. SFPDH may make separate recommendations for specific groups that correlate with higher risk.

Also see: [CDPH Expanded Syphilis Screening Recommendations for the Prevention of Congenital Syphilis: 2020](#).

²Consider more frequent or routine screening if patient has any of the following risk factors: sex with a man who has sex with men, history of STD in the past year, methamphetamine use, unstable housing or homelessness, sex work, intimate partner violence, or incarceration.

³Regardless of intentions to carry to term.

⁴Test all pregnant people in Emergency Department for syphilis prior to discharge if documentation of syphilis testing during pregnancy is not available.

⁵Prioritize these extra-genital sites, as rectal and pharyngeal infections are almost always asymptomatic.

⁶If cost permits or extra-genital testing not available.

Terminology Defined: Transgender (Trans): A person whose gender identity differs from the sex that was assigned at birth. A **trans man** (or trans male) is someone with a male gender identity who was assigned female sex at birth; a **trans woman** (or trans female) is someone with a female gender identity who was assigned male sex at birth.

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