# HIV/AIDS: PREVENT, TEST, TREAT, MANAGE

### Where can you get tested?



# **La Crosse County Health Department**

LCHD provides counseling, testing and referral for HIV/AIDS by appointment only. The fee is \$15, though we will not turn people away for their inability to pay.

LCHD provides partner services to Individuals Living with HIV/AIDS (ILWHA). We will assist with confidential notification, education and testing for all known contacts and associates. We connect the ILWHA to a case manager to ensure they have a medical provider, and can receive counseling, treatment, and other basic services.

LCHD also provides follow ups to reports of STI diagnoses to make sure people understand their diagnosis, get treatment & inform partners for treatment. And condoms are available for free.

#### Find a location near you using this link:



#### **Education**

- Education and prevention is important knowledge to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and to protect your health and the health of others around you.
- There is an estimated 1.1 million Americans living with HIV/AIDS
- Being educated on HIV/AIDS helps to reduce stigma and discrimination. The negativity against HIV/AIDS makes people not get tested and keeps the disease spreading.
- Transmitted from sexual intercourse (semen or vaginal fluids), blood to blood, and mother to baby
- Not transmitted through toilet seats, door handles, or saliva



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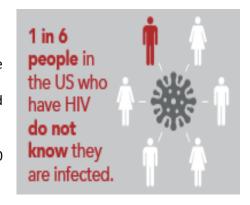
#### **Prevention**

There is no vaccine against HIV/AIDS, it is important to remember these prevention strategies

- Use a new condom every time you have intercourse
- Tell your sexual partners if you have HIV/AIDS
- Use a clean needle
- If you are pregnant, seek medical attention right away
- Getting tested

#### **Statistics**

- In 2010, 32, 052 people were diagnosed with AIDS in the United States
- 24,088 of these diagnosed were males in the adult and adolescent age group
- 15,529 people died with AIDS in 2010
- In La Crosse County, the rate of HIV/AIDS is 40.7 per 100,000 people



#### STI's

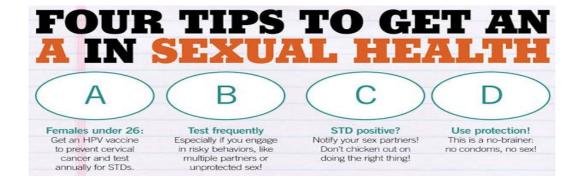
#### What are STI's

- STI's are Sexually Transmitted Infections
- You can get an STI by having sexual contact with a person that is already infected. Sometimes a person shows no signs or symptoms, so you can't tell if they have an infection. A person can be infected by genital touching or intercourse.
- Chlamydia, Genital Herpes, Gonorrhea, Human Papillomavrius. Genital warts, HIV/AIDS, Syphilis, and Trichomoniasis are considered SITI's
- The STI's listed above do not all have the same signs and symptoms. They are also not always curable. Many STI's can cause pregnancy problems, pelvic inflammatory disease, and infections on other parts of the body like organs.
- Having and STI can also put a person at great risk for HIV

#### **Testing**

A person can be test for STI's through

- Pelvic exams
- Blood testing
- Urine testing
- Fluid or tissue sample



#### For More information on HIV/AIDs in Wisconsin visit:



http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aids-hiv/Resources/Overviews/AIDS prev\_edrisk\_red.htm

## For information on Options Clinic in La Crosse visit:



My Care. My Life. http://www.essentialclinic.org/home