

HIV Testing and Counseling

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm, No Appointment Necessary

Your Partner in HIV/AIDS Prevention

The Adams County Health Department is your partner in HIV/AIDS prevention, linkage to care, and partner services. Through counseling, testing, community education, outreach, and surveillance, the department works to prevention and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in Adams County. Currently there is no vaccine or cure for HIV or AIDS. An estimated 1.2 million people are currently living with HIV or AIDS in the U.S. In 2019, Illinois ranked 7th highest in the nation by number and rate of new diagnoses of HIV/AIDS cases (adults and adolescents combined).

What is HIV?

- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is the virus that can lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), a disease that causes the body to lose its natural protection against infection.
- Nearly 1 in 5 people in the United States who are HIV positive do not know they are infected.

Who is at greatest risk?

- Men who have sex with other men and their partners
- Individuals who share needles to inject drugs and their partners
- Individuals who have had a STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection)
- Individuals who have sex for resources (money, food, shelter, or drugs)
- Individuals who have multiple sex partners
- Partners of individuals living with HIV

How is HIV Spread?

- Unprotected sex
- Blood to blood contact
- Sharing needles
- Breast milk

How can I prevent getting HIV?

- Get tested at least yearly
- Use condoms for sex
- Limit your number of sex partners
- Get on PrEP

Safe, Private, and Confidential HIV Testing/Counseling Services and Linkage to Care

The Adams County Health Department offers a few testing options, which a trained professional will discuss with you.

Ask about our other services

- Syphilis Testing
- Hepatitis B & C Testing
- Vaccines

Condoms are available at the Health Department

For more information about our HIV/AIDS services, linkage to care, and PrEP services please contact us at (217) 222-8440