

Frequently Asked Questions about Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing

Where can I get tested? Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing is available at the Health Department's Belvidere Medical Building in Waukegan located at 2400 Belvidere Road. The entrance to the clinic is on Dodge Avenue, just off of Keller Avenue. STI testing services are available to anyone over 12 years of age regardless of county of residence. STI testing is done by appointment. To make an appointment, call 847.377.8450.

What tests are done/What can I expect? All patients are offered screenings for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and HIV. Clients who are experiencing symptoms of a sexually transmitted disease will be scheduled to see a provider during **Full STD Clinic**. A provider can also diagnose Genital Herpes and Genital Warts during this exam. Appointments for **Full STD Clinic**, which is for those **with** STI symptoms, will be scheduled Monday through Friday with limited evening appointments on Thursdays. You should check in at the front reception desk for your appointment.

If you are not experiencing any symptoms of a sexually transmitted disease you will be able to be seen for a **Today Care Express Clinic** appointment. This appointment will include meeting with a counselor and going to the lab to submit a blood and urine specimen for testing and a brief visit with the provider. Appointments for **Today Care Express Clinic**, which is for those **without** any STI symptoms, can be made Monday through Friday during business hours. You should come directly to room 1132 to check in for your appointment.

How much does STI testing cost? For all STI testing, cost is based on insurance status and/or a sliding scale fee. Our clinic accepts most Illinois Medicaid plans and several private and Marketplace insurance plans. Depending on your insurance you may be asked to pay a co-pay at the time of your visit. Please contact 847-377-8450 for more information about what insurance is currently accepted. Please bring your proof of insurance to see if you are eligible for coverage or any discounts.

If you do not have any insurance coverage, cost will be assessed on a sliding scale fee beginning at \$30. We ask that you bring your most recent pay stub or any other proof of income to see if you qualify for a discount. Please contact us to see what forms of income documentation are accepted.

If you are a current student in high school all fees will be waived but you must bring your current high school ID.

What should I bring with me? You should always bring with you a photo ID, such as a driver's license or a state/school ID. You should also bring your insurance information and any proof of income as noted above.

Getting Results: STI testing results generally take 7-10 business days to come back. You may call and receive these results over the phone or come in and receive them in person. If you would like a copy of your results you will have to present a picture ID and sign a consent form in order for that copy to be made.