

HIV TESTING

KNOW YOUR STATUS,
PROTECT YOUR HEALTH

HOW DOES IT WORK?



HIV tests can use blood from a fingerstick, a blood draw, or an oral fluid specimen to determine if someone has HIV.

Different tests look for different things, including:

- **antibodies** that are made when the body comes into contact with HIV
- HIV **virus** itself



HOW SOON WILL I GET RESULTS?

WINDOW PERIOD

THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN EXPOSURE TO HIV AND A TEST'S ABILITY TO DETECT HIV INFECTION.

EXPOSURE TO HIV

SHARING INJECTION EQUIPMENT OR HAVING CONDOMLESS SEX WITH SOMEONE LIVING WITH HIV OR WITH UNKNOWN STATUS.

Rapid Tests use blood from a fingerstick or oral fluid from a swab and provide a result within 20 minutes.

Lab-Based Tests require a blood draw that is sent to a lab.

IF A RAPID TEST IS POSITIVE, A BLOOD DRAW AND LAB TEST WILL NEED TO BE DONE TO CONFIRM THE TEST RESULTS

HIV SELF-TESTS

Rapid self-tests use oral fluid and results are available in 20 minutes.



TO ORDER A RAPID SELF-TEST IN PA AT NO COST, GO TO: GETMYHIVTEST.COM/

Mail-In self-tests include supplies to collect dried blood from a fingerstick at home. The sample is sent to a lab for testing and results are delivered by a health care provider.

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