

STD AWARENESS MONTH

Messages

- Approximately 19 million new STD infections occur each year in the U.S., almost half of them among young people ages 18 to 24.
- CDC and other professional health organizations recommend yearly chlamydia screening for sexually-active women ages 25 and younger.
- Most doctors do *not* automatically test for chlamydia or other STDs during a yearly check-up, routine pelvic exam, or Pap test.
- Chlamydia is very common in girls and women ages 15–25. About 4 out of every 100 girls/women ages 15–25 are reported to have chlamydia.
- Chlamydia can also damage a girl's or woman's reproductive organs, making it impossible for her to ever have children.
- Many STDs are easily treated and cured.
- You can pass many STDs to others without knowing it, get tested to know for sure.
- Genital human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted virus in the United States.
- At least 50% of sexually active people will have genital HPV at some time in their lives.