



The Health Department Envisions a Sexually Healthy New York

We envision a sexually healthy New York, where all New Yorkers make informed sexual and reproductive health decisions – free of coercion – to keep themselves and their sexual partners free of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), experience a sense of well-being and safety in their sexual identities, and know how and where to access sexual health services. To support this vision, we are enhancing the Bureau of STD Control’s sexual health clinical services as part of New York City’s strategy and the State’s Blueprint for Ending the Epidemic (EtE) of HIV/AIDS.

Existing Services at the Health Department’s STD Clinics

The Bureau of STD Control operates eight STD clinics citywide. Any patient 12 years or older can walk in for services, regardless of ability to pay, insurance coverage or immigration status. No parental consent is necessary. The clinics offer a wide range of services, including:

- ◆ **STI services:** Screening and onsite treatment for syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia and other common STIs; partner services; expedited partner therapy (EPT) for chlamydia
- ◆ **HIV services:** Screening; linkage to care; partner services, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP); referral for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- ◆ **Immunizations:** Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and meningococcal vaccines
- ◆ **Behavioral health services:** Screening and interventions for substance use; short-term counseling and support for other behavioral health needs
- ◆ **Other preventive services:** Emergency contraception; cervical cancer screening (Pap test); free and unlimited condoms

Enhancements to the Health Department’s STD Clinics

As part of the City’s EtE strategy, our STD Clinics are expanding their capacity and range of services to provide welcoming, high-quality sexual health care to more New Yorkers in need, including:

- ◆ **Upgraded clinic facilities and extended hours of operation**
- ◆ **Expanded menu of available services**, including a greater range of diagnostic STI tests and a full spectrum of HIV prevention services:
 - ◇ Full 28-day course of PEP
 - ◇ Initiation of PrEP and navigation to a vetted provider for continuation of therapy*
 - ◇ Screenings for asymptomatic patients, called “Express Visits”
 - ◇ Services for anal and cervical dysplasia*, herpes, trichomoniasis
 - ◇ Extragenital testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia
 - ◇ Vaccination for human papilloma virus (HPV)
 - ◇ “Quick Start” contraceptives (oral contraception and Depo-Provera) and navigation to a reproductive health provider*
- ◆ **Immediate initiation of anti-retroviral treatment** for newly diagnosed HIV infections*
- ◆ **Updated educational materials** to help clinic patients understand the new services and their importance to their health, including an updated waiting room video

*Services will be implemented in late 2016/early 2017.

Learn more about our STD clinics at nyc.gov/stdclinic.

Learn more about the entire EtE strategy at nyc.gov/health/ete or by emailing ete@health.nyc.gov.