HIV Testing, Reporting and Partner Notification
A Guide for Providers

Man or woman, gay or straight, young or old, everybody needs an HIV test. Anybody can get HIV.
How to Provide HIV Test Results

**Negative Results**

- Discuss the possibility of HIV/AIDS exposure in the past two months (if patient engaged in risky behavior during that time) and possible need to test again.
- Discuss how to prevent HIV infection, including using condoms, limiting number of partners, avoiding alcohol and drugs before and during sex, and never sharing needles, works or medication vials (e.g., hormones or steroids).
- Explain what negative HIV test results mean. See *Materials* on page 24.

**Indeterminate Results**

- Discuss what the test means and offer to test again.
- Reinforce risk reduction strategies, including using condoms, limiting number of partners, avoiding alcohol and drugs before and during sex, and never sharing needles, works or medication vials (e.g., hormones or steroids).

**Preliminary Positive Results**

If an oral fluid point-of-care (POC) or rapid test was used, consider testing again with a fingerstick blood POC test. Give the patient his or her HIV test results.

- Discuss that while a rapid test result is more than 99% accurate, a conventional test is still needed for confirmation.
- Order a confirmatory HIV test (Western Blot, IFA and other approved tests). If acute HIV suspected, order viral load/Aptima.
- Provide *If Your HIV Test is Positive* information sheet (See *Materials* on page 24).
- Make an appointment with an HIV provider right away. See pages 8-20 for referral sites.
- Proceed with plan for confirmed positive test results on pages 2-3.

**Sample Disclosure Script**

Make sure the patient is in a private area.

In a calm voice, tell the patient: “The result of your HIV test came back positive.”

To clarify, say: “This means you probably have HIV.” Wait to see how s/he reacts. Unless the person had anticipated or suspected this result, s/he may be shocked and not say much.

Some people may say, “It can’t be true,” or ask if you’re sure. Some may break down and cry.Others may appear stoic or blank. These reactions are not unusual.
When the patient seems ready, make the following two points:

- **Confirmatory Test Needed**
  Stress that the preliminary positive result needs to be confirmed with another test. However, it is very likely (99%) that the test will also be positive. It will take about five business days to receive these results.

- **HIV/AIDS is Treatable**
  - Emphasize that although HIV is a very serious infection, today most people with HIV/AIDS are living much longer, healthier lives due to new medications that keep the immune system strong.
  - Reassure the patient that s/he isn’t alone — medical care, emotional support and other services are available.

**Link the Patient to HIV Primary Care**

If the patient agrees to treatment, **you are required by law** to make an appointment for care. Options include:

- New York City HIV Care Coordination Programs
  - HIV primary care centers that offer an expanded form of HIV medical case management to improve medication adherence and optimize patient health outcomes. See *New York City HIV Care Coordination Programs* on page 14.

- New York City Designated AIDS Centers
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Provide Counseling

- **HIV is a manageable disease**
  Assure the patient that, with good medical care and patient adherence, people with HIV can stay healthier and live longer.

- **Learning to cope**
  Discuss ways to handle the emotional consequences of learning about a positive test result.

- **Risk Reduction**
  Discuss how to prevent the spread of HIV to others (see below).

- **Partner notification**
  Urge patients to notify their partners. See *Partner Notification Options* on page 5.

Pregnant Patients

- Refer pregnant patients to an HIV primary care provider and an obstetrical provider. A NYC Care Coordination Program can help make these referrals. See *New York City HIV Care Coordination Programs* on page 14.

- For more information, visit [hivguidelines.org](http://hivguidelines.org).

Risk Reduction Strategies

Take a sexual and substance use history at every routine visit and provide risk reduction strategies at every visit, including:

- Use a latex or female (FC2) condom every time you have sex.
- Never share needles or works.
- If you’re a transgender woman, always obtain hormones from a medical provider. Never share needles or bottles of hormones or steroids.
- Never use drugs or alcohol before or during sex. Being high makes it more difficult to remember to stay safe.
- Always tell your partners you have HIV before you have sex, even if they don’t ask.
Report The Case *(Mandatory)*

- Notify the patient that, by law, the case must be reported to the New York State Department of Health and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- Submit a copy to the New York City Health Department and keep a copy for the patient’s record.
- A field representative from our office will pick up the completed Partner Report Form from you or your designee at regular, agreed-upon intervals.
  - Call the HIV Epidemiology Program at 212-442-3388 to arrange for pickup. To protect patient confidentiality, faxing or mailing of reports is not permitted.

Discuss Partner Notification

- Emphasize the importance of partner notification: the patient can help their partners stay healthy by encouraging them to get tested.
- Describe partner notification options. See *Partner Notification Options* on page 5.
- Explain your responsibility to report the names of known partners to the New York City Health Department and reassure the patient that his or her identity will never be disclosed.
- Ask for partner contact information.
- Screen for domestic violence for each named partner. Do not put a patient at risk by notifying any partner for whom there is a concern about domestic violence.
- For more information, visit nyc.gov and search for *intimate partner violence*.

**Domestic Violence Assessment**

1. Have you ever been emotionally or physically abused by a partner?  
   Yes  No  
   If so, by whom?________________________

2. Within the past year, have you been hit, slapped or otherwise physically hurt?  
   Yes  No  
   If so, by whom?________________________

3. Within the past year, have you been forced to have sex against your will?  
   Yes  No  
   If so, by whom?________________________

4. Are you afraid of your partner?  
   Yes  No

If patient answers ‘Yes’ to one or more questions, conduct clinical assessment and offer referrals.

Source: nyc.gov, search for *Intimate Partner Violence*
Partner Notification Options

- **Provider Referral:** The provider confidentially notifies partners of possible exposure or refers the names/contact information of partners to the New York City Health Department’s free Contact Notification Assistance Program at 212-693-1419.

- **Self-Referral:** The patient notifies partners after working out a notification plan with the provider.

- **Contract Referral:** The provider negotiates a timeframe for the patient to notify partners of possible exposure to HIV. If the patient is unable to notify within that timeframe, the provider may notify partners directly or ask the Health Department to do so.

- **Internet Referral:** inspot.org notifies partners anonymously.

Partner notification is voluntary, but is highly encouraged.

- For help notifying partners, call the Contact Notification Assistance Program at 212-693-1419.
- If outside New York City, call the Partner Notification Assistance Program at 800-541-AIDS (2437).

Report Partners

- Physicians are required by law to ask for and notify sexual and injection use partners.

- Report partners of newly diagnosed patients using Partner Report Form (DOH-4189). Include names and contact information of known partners, including spouses.

Laboratory Reporting

- Beginning June 1, 2000, New York City laboratories conducting CD4 and viral load tests are required to report positive results electronically to the City Health Department. Providers don’t need to complete a separate report form for the laboratory data.

Laboratory Tests

**Recommended tests:**

- Syphilis (RPR)
- Gonorrhea (Culture, PCR/NAAT)
- Chlamydia (PCR/NAAT)
- Hepatitis A (IgM)
- Hepatitis B (HBsAg, anti-HBc, IgM and HBeAg)
- Hepatitis C (Anti-HCV)
- TB (QuantiFERON, preferred over PPD. Treatment if latent TB)

**Required tests:**

- Confirmatory test — Western Blot, IFA and other approved tests; if suspect acute HIV, order a VL or Aptima test
- CD4
- Viral Load

For details, see hivguidelines.org.
Documented Oral Consent

- Patients can give oral consent for a rapid HIV test if the test produces results in one hour or less, except in correctional facilities.
- Providers must note the conversation in the patient’s medical record, including the date and name of the person ordering the test.
- In non-medical settings, note the conversation in the program’s testing documentation for each client.
- Providers can document refusal as a means of documenting counseling without testing for billing or for their records.

General Medical Consent

- Patients can consent to an HIV test by signing a general consent for medical care.
- The general consent form must give the patient an opportunity to refuse HIV testing (that is, an opportunity to opt out of being tested for HIV).
- For examples of acceptable language and model forms, visit health.ny.gov/forms/doh-5019.pdf. Providers and agencies can develop their own consent forms without approval from New York State as long as the above criteria are met.

Example A

Use your facility’s general medical consent but amend to include the following:

I have been provided information about HIV and I accept testing.

☐ No, I don’t want an HIV test at this time.

Signature: ___________________________________________________________

Patient or person authorized to consent
Example B

Use your facility’s general medical consent but amend to include the following:

I have been given information regarding HIV testing, how HIV can be transmitted, that there is treatment for HIV/AIDS, how to keep myself and others safe from HIV infection, that testing is voluntary and can be done anonymously, how my HIV-related information will be kept confidential and what laws protect people with HIV/AIDS from discrimination. I understand that the results will be documented in my medical chart.

Consent for HIV-related testing remains in effect until I revoke it, or until the following date ____________________________.

I may revoke my consent orally or in writing at any time. As long as this consent is in force, ____________________________ (provider name of facility) may conduct additional tests on me without asking me to sign another consent form. In those cases, my provider will tell me if other HIV tests will be performed and will make a note in my medical record.

Patient Name: ______________________________________ Date: __________________

☐ I do not want an HIV test

Signature: ______________________________________

Patient or person authorized to consent

New York State HIV Testing Consent Forms (DOH-2556)

• Providers or agencies unable to use documented oral or general medical consent can use HIV testing consent forms created by the New York State Health Department in multiple languages. For copies of these forms, visit health.ny.gov/forms/doh-2556.pdf.
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| Kings          | Coney Island Hospital (HHC)  
                 Special Needs Program | 2601 Ocean Parkway  
                 Room 305  
                 Brooklyn, NY 11235  
                 718-616-3008 |
| Kings          | Interfaith Medical Center  
                 Primary Care Center | 880 Bergen Street  
                 Brooklyn, NY 11238  
                 718-613-7555 or 718-613-7554 |
| Kings          | Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center  
                 HIV Program | Pierre Toussaint Family Health Care Center  
                 Clinical Management Unit, 2nd Floor  
                 1110 Eastern Parkway  
                 Brooklyn, NY 11213  
                 718-735-1900, ext. 2101 or 2102 |
| Kings          | Kings County Hospital Center (HHC)  
                 Center for H.O.P.E. | 541 Clarkson Avenue  
                 “E” Building, 4th Floor  
                 Brooklyn, NY 11203  
                 718-245-3131  
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| Kings          | Lutheran Medical Center  
                 ACHIEVE Program | 514 49th Street, 1st Floor  
                 (Between 5th and 6th Avenue)  
                 Brooklyn, NY  
                 718-437-5280  
                 Then press 1 for an appointment. |
| Kings          | SUNY Downstate Medical Center  
                 Special Treatment and Research  
                 (STAR) Health | 470 Clarkson Avenue  
                 Suite J, 1st Floor  
                 Brooklyn, NY 11203  
                 718-270-3745 |
| Kings          | Woodhull Medical and Mental  
                 Health Center (HHC)  
                 Paul Paroski, Jr. Family Health Center | 760 Broadway  
                 Room 2B151, Main Floor  
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                 Virology Clinic / Pediatric Infectious Disease Clinic | 462 First Avenue at 27th Street  
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New York City
Health Department STD Clinics

FREE Confidential and Anonymous HIV Counseling and Testing

- All services are free, no insurance necessary
- Adolescents do NOT need parental consent for examination and treatment
- Proof of citizenship or immigration status not required

Rapid HIV testing, hepatitis A and B vaccines, and emergency contraception are available at all sites

### Bronx

**Morrisania**

1309 Fulton Ave (E 169th St. off 3rd)
Bronx, NY 10456

- Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- Saturday, 8:30 am to 12 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

### Brooklyn

**Crown Heights**

1218 Prospect Place (at Troy Avenue)
2nd Flr
Brooklyn, NY 11213

- Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

**Fort Greene**

295 Flatbush Ave. Extension
*(located at the corner of Willoughby St. - Near the Fulton Mall and Long Island University)*
2nd Flr.
Brooklyn, NY 11201

- Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- Saturday, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

- Tuesday and Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm
- HIV counseling and rapid testing only

### Manhattan

**Central Harlem**

2238 Fifth Avenue (137th Street)
New York, NY 10037

- Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- Saturday, 8:30 am to 12 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

**Chelsea**

303 Ninth Avenue (28th Street)
New York, NY 10001

- Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- Saturday, 8:30 am to 12 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm
- HIV counseling and rapid testing only

**Manhattanville Renaissance**

21 Old Broadway (corner of 126th Street)
New York, NY 10027

- Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing
Queens

**Corona**
34-33 Junction Blvd. (Roosevelt/Northern)
Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

**Jamaica**
90-37 Parsons Blvd. 1st Flr. (off Jamaica Ave.)
Jamaica, NY 11432

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

**Rockaway**
*(Operated by Joseph P. Addabbo Health Center)*
67-19 Rockaway Beach Blvd.
(Addabbo Health Center)
Queens, NY 11692

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Please note: Addabbo Health Center is not a Health Department site and may charge for emergency contraception.

Staten Island

**Richmond**
51 Stuyvesant Place (Wall Street)
Staten Island, NY 10301

Thursday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Walk-in HIV counseling and testing

*For the most current hours and locations, go to nyc.gov and search for STD clinics.*
New York City HIV Care Coordination Programs

BRONX

Argus Community Inc./A.C.C.E.S.S II Program

Location:  
760 East 160th Street  
Bronx, NY 10456

Primary Contact for Referrals  
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Maria A. Rodriguez  
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Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (M-F)  
Office Fax: 718-993-9662  
Languages: English, Spanish  
Website: http://www.arguscommunity.org

Nearest Transit Stop: Prospect Avenue (2, 5); Bx4, Bx17, Bx6

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:  
Montefiore Medical Group - Cicero Program Clinics;  
AllMed Rehabilitation of New York; Barbee Health Center

Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center

Location:  
1650 Selwyn Avenue, #7A  
Bronx, NY 10457

Primary Contact for Referrals  
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Secondary Contact for Referrals  
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Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)  
Office Fax: 718-960-1354  
Languages: English, Spanish, various African dialects  
Website: http://www.bronx-leb.org

Nearest Transit Stop:  
Mt Eden Av (4) or 174-175 Sts (B, D)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:  
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center

HHC Jacobi Medical Center  
(North Bronx HealthCare Network)

Location:  
1400 Pelham Parkway South, Building 1 1W5  
Bronx, NY 10461

Primary Contact for Referrals  
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Secondary Contact for Referrals  
Sarah Frei  
718-519-2117  • sarah.frei@nbhn.net

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)  
Office Fax: 718-918-6060  
Languages: English, Spanish, French  
Website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/jacobi

Nearest Transit Stop:  
Pelham Pkwy (5); Bx12 at Jacobi Medical Center

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:  
Jacobi Medical Center; North Central Bronx Hospital

HHC North Central Bronx Hospital  
(North Bronx HealthCare Network)

Location:  
3424 Kossuth Avenue, 10C  
Bronx, NY 10467

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Sarah Frei  
718-519-2117  • sarah.frei@nbhn.net

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)  
Office Fax: 718-918-6060  
Languages: English, Spanish, French  
Website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/jacobi

Nearest Transit Stop:  
Pelham Pkwy (5); Bx12 at Jacobi Medical Center

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:  
Jacobi Medical Center; North Central Bronx

Institute for Family Health – Urban Horizons  
Family Health Center

Location:  
50 East 168th Street  
Bronx, NY 10452

Primary Contact for Referrals  
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Secondary Contact for Referrals
Caitlin Murphy
212-423-4500 x2512 • cmurphy@institute2000.org
Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 212-423-4837
Languages: English, Spanish
Website: http://www.institute2000.org
Nearest Transit Stop: 167th Street (4, B, D)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Urban Horizons Family Health Center

Services for the Underserved
Location:
263 East Tremont Avenue
Bronx, NY 10045

Primary Contact for Referrals
Allen Feldman
646-879-6615 • afeldman@susinc.org
Secondary Contact for Referrals
Kelsa Alhassan
646-879-6614 • kalhassan@susinc.org
Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-299-5529
Languages: English, Spanish, Hausa
Website: http://www.susinc.org
Nearest Transit Stop: East Tremont Avenue (D)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Carl M. Adler, MD; Ganfez Abdullah, MD; Hemant Patel, MD

St. Barnabas Hospital
Location:
Pathways Center for Comprehensive Care
4487 Third Avenue, 4th Floor
Bronx, NY 10457

Primary Contact for Referrals
Registration – Pathways Center for Comprehensive Care
718-960-9000, x1621
Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-960-9159
Languages: English, Spanish
Website: http://www.stbarnabashospital.org
Nearest Transit Stop: 3rd Ave-149th Street (2, 5), walk to 3rd Ave & Westchester Ave to transfer to Bx55 bus (Fordham Plz via 3 Ave bound), exit 3rd Ave and 184th St.
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
St. Barnabas Hospital

Unique People Services
Location:
3510 Bainbridge Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467

Primary Contact for Referrals
Harold Holloway
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Secondary Contact for Referrals
Jin Xu
718-231-4974 • jinx@uniquepeopleservices.org
Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-231-4976
Languages: English, Spanish
Website: http://www.uniquepeopleservices.org
Nearest Transit Stop: Mosholu Park (4)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Montefiore Medical Center

Brookdale University Hospital & Medical Center
Location:
One Brookdale Plaza,
Brooklyn, NY 11212

Primary Contact for Referrals
Frank Badillo
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Steve Phillips
718-240-5963 • sphillips@brookdale.edu
Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (W only)
Office Fax: 718-240-6637

Brooklyn Community Development Corp.
Location:
408 Rockaway Ave, 3rd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11212

Primary Contact for Referrals
Lloyd Goullbourne
718-345-6366 x6663

Languages: English, Haitian Creole, Spanish, French
Website: http://www.brookdale.edu
Nearest Transit Stop: Saratoga Avenue (3); B15, B35 to East 98th Street
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Brookdale University Hospital & Medical Center

Brownsville Community Development Corp.
Location:
408 Rockaway Ave, 3rd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11212

Primary Contact for Referrals
Lloyd Goullbourne
718-345-6366 x6663

Languages: English, Haitian Creole, Spanish, French
Website: http://www.brookdale.edu
Nearest Transit Stop: Saratoga Avenue (3); B15, B35 to East 98th Street
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Brookdale University Hospital & Medical Center
Secondary Contact for Referrals
Rainford Haughton
718-345-6366 x6657

Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-345-5794
Languages: English, Spanish
Website: http://bmhsfhc.org

Nearest Transit Stop: Rockaway Ave (2, 3, 4, 5)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center;
Long Island College Hospital

HHC Kings County Hospital Center

Location:
Kings County Hospital Center
451 Clarkson Avenue, E-4
Brooklyn, NY 11203
East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center
2094 Pitkin Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207

Primary Contact for Referrals
Callixta Baptiste
718-245-2813 • callixta.baptiste@nychhc.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals
Hildegarde Reimers
718-245-2816 • hildegarde.reimers@nychhc.org

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-735-4165
Languages: English, Interpreter Service Available,
American Sign Language Interpreters Available
Website: http://www.nyc.gov/kchc

Nearest Transit Stop: Winthrop Avenue Station (2, 5);
B12 to Clarkson Avenue

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Kings County Hospital Center

HHC Woodhull Medical & Mental Health Center

Location:
760 Broadway, Rm 2TA 314
Brooklyn, NY 11206

Primary Contact for Referrals
Yvonne McNeil
718-963-8351 • mcnely@nychhc.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals
Ernesto Myrie
(Cumberland Diagnostic & Treatment Center)
718-963-5958
Ernesto.Myrie@woodhulhc.nychhc.org

Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-630-3250
Languages: English, Spanish, Creole
Website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/woodhull/
html/home/home.shtml

Nearest Transit Stop: Flushing Ave (J, M, Z); B15,
B43, B46, B47, B57

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center;
Cumberland Diagnostic & Treatment Center

Housing Works – East New York

Location:
2640 Pitkin Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208

Primary Contact for Referrals
Sharon F. Gordon
718-827-8700 • s.gordon@housingworks.org

Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-827-8848
Languages: English, Spanish, Haitian Creole
Website: http://www.housingworks.org

Nearest Transit Stop: Euclid Avenue (A, C)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Housing Works; Maimonides Medical Center

Interfaith Medical Center

Location:
880 Bergen Street
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Primary Contact for Referrals
Shontelle Ramsay
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Irveline Valerus
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Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-613-7592
Languages: English, Spanish, French, Creole
Website: http://www.interfaithmedical.com

Nearest Transit Stop: Franklin Avenue (A, C);
Park Place (S); B65 to Bergen & Classon Avenue

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Interfaith Medical Center

Lutheran Family Health Center – Sunset Terrace

Location:
514 49th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11220

Primary Contact for Referrals
Migdalia Vientos
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Hours: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-431-2612
**SUNY Downstate Medical Center**

**Location:**
470 Clarkson Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11203

**Primary Contact for Referrals**
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Michelle Melendez  
718-270-6391 • michelle.melendez@downstate.edu

**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M, T, Th, F)  
9:00 AM – 8:00 PM (W)

**Office Fax:** 718-270-4244

**Languages:** English, Spanish, Creole

**Website:** http://www.downstate.edu/star

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**Wyckoff Heights Medical Center**

**Location:**
374 Stockholm Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11237

**Primary Contact for Referrals**
Olsen Montoya  
718-240-1772 • omontoya@wyckoffhospital.org

**Secondary Contact for Referrals**
Luz Alvarado  
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**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

**Office Fax:** 718-907-8389

**Languages:** English, Spanish, French

**Website:** http://www.wyckoffhospital.org

**Nearest Transit Stop:** Flatbush Avenue (2, 5)

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**APICHA**

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New York, NY 10013

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646-744-2593 • Vvacharakitja@apicha.org

**Hours:** 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM (M-F)

**Office Fax:** 212-334-7956

**Languages:** English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese, Spanish

**Website:** http://www.apicha.org

**Nearest Transit Stop:** Canal Street (6, N, Q, R, W, J, M, Z, A, C, E, 1)

**Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:**
APICHA; Astor Medical Group; Pride Medical

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**Beth Israel Medical Center**

**Location:**
317 E. 17th Street, 1st Floor  
New York, NY 10003

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Christopher LaRosa  
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Louis Farmer  
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**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

**Office Fax:** 212-420-5626

**Languages:** English, Spanish

**Website:** http://www.wehealny.org/services/BL_Aidsservices/KruegerCenter.html
Nearest Transit Stop: 1st Avenue (L) or Union Square (4, 5, 6, L, N, R, Q)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Beth Israel Medical Center

Callen-Lorde Community Health Center

Location:
356 W. 18th Street
New York, NY 10011

Primary Contact for Referrals
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Secondary Contact for Referrals
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Hours: 8:15 AM – 8:15 PM (M-Th)
8:15 AM – 4:45 PM (F)
8:30 AM – 3:15 PM (Sat)

Office Fax: 212-271-7234

Languages: English, Spanish, Russian, Hebrew

Website: http://www.callen-lorde.org

Nearest Transit Stop: 14th Street (A, C, E); 18th Street (1); M14

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center; Beth Israel Medical Center

HHC Bellevue Hospital Center –
Department of Virology Services

Location:
462 First Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Primary Contact for Referrals
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212-562-8414 • shelly.blumenthal@bellevue.nychhc.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals
Pierre Zemele
212-562-5019 • Pierre.zemele@bellevue.nychhc.org

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 212-562-3916

Languages: English, Spanish, French, Haitian Creole


Nearest Transit Stop: 28th Street (6); M15 to 27th Street

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Bellevue Hospital Center

HHC Harlem Hospital Center

Location:
15 West 136th Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10037

Primary Contact for Referrals
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212-939-2137 • dh2203@columbia.edu

Secondary Contact for Referrals
Erickson Wilson
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Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 212-939-8192

Languages: English, Spanish, French, Creole


Nearest Transit Stop: 135th Street (2, 3); M7, M102

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Bellevue Hospital Center

Housing Works – Manhattan

Location:
611 Broadway, Suite 613
New York, NY 10012

Primary Contact for Referrals
Max Sepulveda
212-260-8868 • m.se pulveda@housingworks.org

Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 212-260-8869

Languages: English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Website: http://www.housingworks.org

Institute for Family Health –
Family Health Center at North General

Location:
1879 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10035

Primary Contact for Referrals
Allison Hesterman
212-423-4500 x2546 • ahesterman@institute2000.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals
Caitlin Murphy
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Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 212-423-4837

Languages: English, Spanish

Website: http://www.institute2000.org

Nearest Transit Stop: 125th Street (2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Family Health Center at North General
Mount Sinai Medical Center – Comprehensive Health Program

Location:
275 7th Avenue, 12th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Primary Contact for Referrals
Vanessa Haney
212-604-1799 • vanessa.haney@mountsinai.org

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 212-824-2312

Languages: English, Spanish
Website: http://www.mountsinai.org

Nearest Transit Stop: 28th street (1, N, R); 23rd Street (A, C, E, F, M)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Mount Sinai Medical Center

Mount Sinai Medical Center – Jack Martin Clinic

Location:
17 East 102nd Street, 3rd Floor East
New York, NY 10029

Primary Contact for Referrals
Diane Tider
212-824-7402 • diane.tider@mountsinai.org

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 212-824-2312

Languages: English, Spanish
Website: http://www.mountsinai.org

Nearest Transit Stop: 103rd Street (6); M1, M2, M3, M4, M96, M106 to 100th Street

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Mount Sinai Medical Center

New York Presbyterian Hospital

Location:
Harkness Pavilion, 6th Floor
622 West 168th Street
New York, NY 10032
Vanderbilt Building, 4th Floor
180 Fort Washington Avenue
New York, NY 10032

Primary Contact for Referrals
Melinda Marquez
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Secondary Contact for Referrals
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Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 212-305-7692

Languages: English, Spanish, Translation Services for other languages
Website: http://nyp.org

Nearest Transit Stop: 168 Street (A, C, 1)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
New York Presbyterian Hospital

St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center – Morningside Clinic

Locations:
390 W. 114th Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10025

Primary Contact for Referrals
Call Center
212-523-6500

Secondary Contact for Referrals
Emily Gertz
212-636-3490 • emgertz@chpnet.org

Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: N/A

Languages: English, Spanish
Website: http://www.wehealny.org/patients/stl_home

Nearest Transit Stop: 116th Street (1); 110th Street (B, C); M3, M7, M116 to 116th Street

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center

St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center – Samuels Clinic

Locations:
1000 10th Avenue, Second Floor, Room 2T
New York, NY 10019

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212-523-6500

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Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: N/A

Languages: English, Spanish
Website: http://www.wehealny.org/patients/stl_home

Nearest Transit Stop: 59th Street-Columbus Circle (A, B, C, D, 1); M7 to 59th Street

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center

St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center – West Village Division

Locations:
230 West 17th street
New York, NY 10011

Primary Contact for Referrals
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212-523-6500

Secondary Contact for Referrals
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**Village Care**

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Jacquelyn Ruiz  
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**Secondary Contact for Referrals**
Victoria Lampado  
212-337-9224 • victorial@villagecare.org

**Languages:** English, Spanish  
**Website:** http://www.villagecare.org  
**Nearest Transit Stop:** 14th Street (A, C, E, F); 18th Street (1)

**HHC Elmhurst Hospital Center**

**Location:**
79-01 Broadway  
Elmhurst, NY 11373

**Primary Contact for Referrals**
Judi Brenner  
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Rashida Daniels  
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**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)  
**Office Fax:** 718-334-2664  
**Languages:** English, Spanish, Creole  
**Website:** http://nyc.gov/html/hhc/qhn  
**Nearest Transit Stop:** Jackson Heights/Roosevelt Ave (7, E, F, R, G)

**Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:**
Elmhurst Hospital Center; Queens Hospital Center

**HHC Queens Hospital Center**

**Location:**
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Jamaica, NY 11432

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**Nearest Transit Stop:** Q65

**Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:**
Elmhurst Hospital Center; Queens Hospital Center

**Community Health Action of Staten Island**

**Location:**
166 Port Richmond Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10302

**Primary Contact for Referrals**
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Taryn Lyon  
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**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)  
**Office Fax:** 718-808-1890 or 718-808-1891  
**Languages:** English, Spanish  
**Website:** http://www.chasiny.org  
**Nearest Transit Stop:** Castleton Ave & Port Richmond Ave (S46)

**Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:**
Staten Island University Hospital; Deeptha Nedunchezian, MD; Frank Scafuri, DO

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**QUEENS**

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**Languages:** English, Spanish, Creole  
**Website:** http://nyc.gov/html/hhc/qhn  
**Nearest Transit Stop:** Jackson Heights/Roosevelt Ave (7, E, F, R, G)

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**Nearest Transit Stop:** Q65

**Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:**
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**Languages:** English, Spanish  
**Website:** http://www.chasiny.org  
**Nearest Transit Stop:** Castleton Ave & Port Richmond Ave (S46)

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Resources

HIV Testing

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/

New York City Health Department
nyc.gov, search for HIV testing

New York City HIV Testing Sites: Call 311
Find an HIV testing location by texting your zip code to KNOWIT (566948)

New York City Health Department STD Clinics
nyc.gov, search for STD clinics

New York State Health Department
health.ny.gov/aids

New York State HIV Hotline
English: 800-872-2777
Spanish: 800-233-7432
TDD: 800-369-2437

Basic HIV Testing Information
aidsinfonet.org/fact_sheets/view/102

HIV Positive

New York City HIV Care Coordination Programs
nyc.gov, search for HIV Care Coordination

New York State Provider Report Form: 518-474-4284

Partner/Contact Notification
In New York City: 212-693-1419
Outside New York City: 800-541-AIDS (2347)

Designated AIDS Centers: 518-486-1383

AIDS Drug Assistance Program: 800-542-2437
Free medications and care for uninsured HIV infected persons
HIV Training for Health Care Providers

In New York City:

Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention & Control
Training — Technical Assistance Program (T-TAP): 347-396-7701 or TTAP@health.nyc.gov

Bureau of STD Control Region II STD/HIV Prevention Training Center
nycptc@health.nyc.gov

AIDS Education & Training Center
212-304-5530 or nynjaetc.org

In New York State: 518-474-9866 or 800-233-5075

Information for people diagnosed with HIV
aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/

Mental Health Support
Call 311 or LifeNet: 800-LIFENET (800-543-3638) or 877-AYUDESE (Spanish), or search LifeNet at nyc.gov

Contact Notification Assistance Program (CNAP) Informational Card

New York City Domestic Violence Hotline
800-621-HOPE (800-621-4673) or call 311
TDD: 866-604-5350

New York State Department of Health Living with HIV/AIDS Website
health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/resources/

New York State Health Department HIV publications order form
hivguidelines.org/Admin/Files/other/orderform05122009.pdf

NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project Hotline: 212-714-1141

Legal Action Center for HIV-related concerns
212-243-1313 or 800-223-4044
HIV Prevention

New York City Health Department
nyc.gov, search for HIV/AIDS information

NYC Knows Facebook Page
facebook.com/NYCKnows

NYC Condom Facebook Page
facebook.com/NYCcondom

United States Department of Health and Human Services
aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics

Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services
uchaps.org

National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors
nastad.org

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
niaid.nih.gov

HIV Prevention Trials Network
hptn.org

HIV Vaccine Trials Network
hvtn.org

Microbicide Trials Network
mtnstopshiv.org

National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention
Prevention Is Care: Being Safe Patient Brochure
cdc.gov/hiv/topics/treatment/PIC/pdf/brochure.pdf

NYC Health Bulletins
Call 311 to order; see samples on page 25

New York State Department of Health
health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/publications/
Materials

Say Yes to the Test Poster
If Your HIV Test Is Positive
   English, Spanish
What You Need to Know About an HIV Test
Guide to New York City Health Department STD Clinics
New York State Department of Health Post-Negative Information Sheet
   English, Spanish
New York City HIV Test is Negative Notification Card
   English, Spanish
HIV Testing Waiting Room Easel and Palm Cards
New York Knows Palm Cards
   English, Spanish
New York Knows Posters
Contact Notification Assistance Program Provider Card
   English, Spanish
Contact Notification Assistance Program Palm Cards for Patients
   English, Spanish
HIV Testing, Reporting and Partner Notification: A Guide for Providers
Living Positively with HIV
   English, Spanish
HIV Prevention and Care (City Health Information)

To order HIV Materials, call 311
Patient Resources

Health Bulletin #78: STOP HIV IN NYC
Health Bulletin #39: Take Pride and Take Care New York
Health Bulletin #47: NYC Condoms, Get Some

To order Health Bulletins for your office, call 311
Revised recommendations for HIV testing of adults, adolescents, and pregnant women in health-care settings


Summary

These recommendations for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing are intended for all health-care providers in the public and private sectors, including those working in hospital emergency departments, urgent care clinics, inpatient services, substance abuse treatment clinics, public health clinics, community clinics, correctional health-care facilities, and primary care settings. The recommendations address HIV testing in health-care settings only. They do not modify existing guidelines concerning HIV counseling, testing, and referral for persons at high risk for HIV who seek or receive HIV testing in nonclinical settings (e.g., community-based organizations, outreach settings, or mobile vans). The objectives of these recommendations are to increase HIV screening of patients, including pregnant women, in health-care settings; foster earlier detection of HIV infection; identify and counsel persons with unrecognized HIV infection and link them to clinical and prevention services; and further reduce perinatal transmission of HIV in the United States. These revised recommendations update previous recommendations for HIV testing in health-care settings and for screening of pregnant women (CDC. Recommendations for HIV testing services for inpatients and outpatients in acute-care hospital settings. MMWR 1993;42 (No. RR-2):1—10; CDC. Revised guidelines for HIV counseling, testing, and referral. MMWR 2001;50 (No. RR-19):1—62; and CDC. Revised recommendations for HIV screening of pregnant women. MMWR 2001;50 (No. RR-19):63-85).

Major revisions from previously published guidelines are as follows:

For patients in all health-care settings

• HIV screening is recommended for patients in all health-care settings after the patient is notified that testing will be performed unless the patient declines (opt-out screening).

• Persons at high risk for HIV infection should be screened for HIV at least annually.

• Separate written consent for HIV testing should not be required; general consent for medical care should be considered sufficient to encompass consent for HIV testing.

• Prevention counseling should not be required with HIV diagnostic testing or as part of HIV screening programs in health-care settings.
For pregnant women

- HIV screening should be included in the routine panel of prenatal screening tests for all pregnant women.
- HIV screening is recommended after the patient is notified that testing will be performed unless the patient declines (opt-out screening).
- Separate written consent for HIV testing should not be required; general consent for medical care should be considered sufficient to encompass consent for HIV testing.
- Repeat screening in the third trimester is recommended in certain jurisdictions with elevated rates of HIV infection among pregnant women.

Risk-based HIV testing in South Carolina health care settings failed to identify the majority of infected individuals.


Abstract

To provide evidence of large numbers of missed opportunities for early HIV diagnosis we designed a retrospective cohort study linking surveillance data from the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Reporting System to a statewide all payer health care database. We determined visits and diagnoses occurring before the date of the first positive HIV test and medical encounters were categorized to distinguish visits that were likely versus unlikely to have prompted an HIV test. Of the 4117 HIV-positive individuals newly diagnosed between 2001 and 2005, 3021 (73.4%) visited a South Carolina health care facility one or more times prior to testing HIV positive. Of these 3021, 1311 (43.4%) were late testers, and 1425 (47.2%) were early testers. Females were less likely than males to be late testers (odds ratio [OR] 0.55, 95% confidence interval [CI] 0.45-0.68), blacks were more likely than whites to be late testers (OR 1.37, 95% CI 1.10-1.71), and persons 50 years of age and older more likely to be late testers (OR 7.16, 95% CI 3.84-13.37). A total of 78.8% of the 13,448 health care visits for both late and early testers were for health care diagnoses unlikely to prompt an HIV test. These findings underscore the need for more routine HIV testing of adults and adolescents visiting health care facilities in order to facilitate early diagnosis.
Other Readings


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