



# HIV testing



Testing is the only way to know for sure if someone has HIV.

## Antibody test

The immune system produces antibodies when the body is exposed to viruses. The antibody test looks for HIV antibodies in the blood or oral fluid.<sup>1</sup>

## Antigen/antibody test

Antigen/antibody tests look for both antigens and antibodies. Antigens are foreign substances that cause your immune system to work. The test looks for the p24 antigen that is part of the virus and HIV antibodies. This type of test is recommended to be done in the lab and is now common in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

## Nucleic acid test (NAT)

NAT looks for HIV in the blood. It is expensive and not commonly used.<sup>1</sup>

## Confirmatory testing

If a person tests positive for HIV antigens and/or antibodies, they should receive confirmatory testing.

Confirmatory testing is necessary to confirm the test result and allows a person to get linked to care and treatment.<sup>2</sup>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 be tested for HIV at least once in their life as part of routine healthcare, and those with specific risk factors get tested every 3-12 months.<sup>1</sup>

## Why is it important to test?



If a person knows they have HIV they can seek out treatment and prevent transmitting it to others.



If a person knows they don't have HIV, they can start using preventative measures, such as PrEP, PEP, and condoms.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.cdc.gov/hiv/testing/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/testing/index.html)  
<sup>2</sup> [www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/hiv-testing/learn-about-hiv-testing/understanding-hiv-test-results](http://www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/hiv-testing/learn-about-hiv-testing/understanding-hiv-test-results)  
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